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Above: *Seniors at ORR looked death in the face during an emotional April 10 presentation on drunk driving. A guest speaker shared her horrific experience of losing a child to drunk driving, and students created a dramatic film that really drove home the message that drinking and driving can have lifelong consequences. By Jean Perry*

On the Cover: *The sky was blue above the greening grass on that sunny spring Mattapoisett morning by the sea. On April 12, families gathered at Ned's Point to celebrate Easter early with a traditional Easter egg hunt, sponsored by the Mattapoisett Lions Club. The Easter Bunny hopped over for a visit, giving children hugs and high-fives as parents scurried to take photos and comfort the smaller ones who were a little reluctant to approach. When the moment came to start the hunt, the little ones dashed in every direction, proudly holding up their finds to their parents before racing off again. The Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt has become an annual tradition here in Mattapoisett. By Jean Perry. See more photos on page 60.*

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ORR Seniors Receive Sobering Message

By Jean Perry

Everyone noticed the boxes of tissues placed at the end of every row in the auditorium on April 10, as students filed in and prepared for "Every 15 Minutes," a presentation to seniors about drunk driving and texting while driving. The tissues were an ominous sign of what was to come, but some students seemed amused, probably convinced that tissues would not be necessary.

Each student that passed through the doors was greeted by a dark figure in a black cloak, his face a skull. He looked the students in the eyes as they passed, and then the figure of death led a stream of others cloaked in black behind him to the front rows of the auditorium, while their classmates chuckled, finding it funny.

The sentiment did not last long, though.

Once Linda Chaves, an ER trauma nurse, spoke to the students about her experiences with drunk-driving injuries at Newport Hospital, the mood quickly changed.

"I'm not here to lecture you," said Chaves. She was there with a message, and she began by listing the statistics.

Every 15 minutes, a person dies from drunk driving. Drunk driving claimed 24,365 American lives in 2012, and injured or maimed 917,000. There are 1.6 million DUI arrests every year.

Things quickly became solemn as Chaves got to the point when she had to deliver the devastating news to a mother that her son was killed after he drove drunk and crashed.

She let out a scream, said Chaves, "Like a wild animal that got its foot caught in a trap."

Parents seated in the first row were the first to

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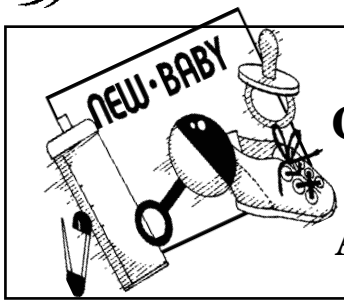

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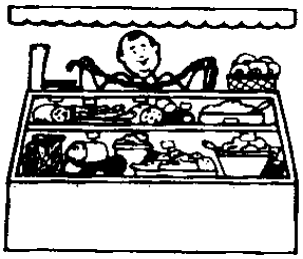

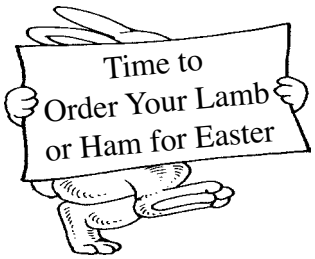

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start reaching for the tissues to wipe away tears.

Chaves told the captivated audience how a hospital staff prepares the body before loved ones enter the room to see their lifeless child, under a heated blanket, with one single hand placed on top – the first thing a distraught mother reaches for.

The stage was very dimly lit – no stage light shone on Chaves – and the auditorium was dark. The tone was already serious, but the energy in the room shifted dramatically when Chaves disclosed that, several years ago, while at work, the police arrived to give her the devastating news that her own 19 year-old son, Charlie, was killed after he drove drunk and struck a tree.

She recalled the last time Charlie called her from college, the night before he was to return home for a visit – "I love you, Mom," he told her. "I love you too," she told her son.

"I can't tell you how precious those words are, because they were the last words I ever heard him speak," she said.

At that moment, those tissues at the end of each row did not seem so uncalled for. Tears were falling, noses began running, and tissues were suddenly being passed down.

"Please think before you go out," Chaves pleaded. "Call your parents, stay where you are…" Whatever you do, she begged, do not drive drunk or get into a car with someone who has been drinking. That decision could have a lifetime of consequences.

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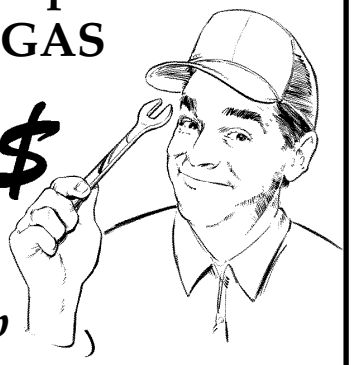

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"And I'm living that lifetime," said Chaves. "Please be safe. You are loved by a lot of people who care about you."

A film created by ORR students followed with the star being the grim reaper who met the seniors at the auditorium door. He walked from classroom to classroom, every 15 minutes entering another and calling on his latest victim, who quietly got up and followed death out the door – leaving behind only a photograph and the name of the student taped to the wall.

The message was driven home as students saw their friends depicted as victims, with the saddest, most sorrowful music one could imagine playing in the background. At one point in the film, one of the "deceased" victims sat alone at a table in the middle of the cafeteria, invisible to the others who were carrying on without them, living their lives and getting ready for their bright futures – a future the victim would never get to have.

Students performed a skit with the Rochester Police depicting a crash, with a white, blood-soaked blanket draped over the friend of the teenager who

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selfishly chose to drive drunk – now in handcuffs.

One girl read a poem that she wrote to her mom about what her final thoughts would be while dying after a crash. Some students and their parents who were seated on the stage in a semicircle began sobbing and wiping tears as they got ready to read the letters they wrote to their parents "from beyond the grave" and the letters their parents wrote to their "dead" children.

Rochester Police enacted mock house calls to a few parents, delivering to them the news that their child had been killed while the child witnessed the scene unfold.

What transpired next was extremely emotional and, if it didn't hit the kids in the audience by that point, it did now when moms and dads, sons and daughters read their letters to each other, struggling to get though it – wrapping their heads around just how important a child is to their parents, how their children are their whole world, and how life would end without them.

The message was love. To let love keep them from making the fatal mistake of driving drunk, getting in a car with someone who has been drinking, or texting while driving. To allow the image of their parents' suffering – and one father who was an emotional wreck on the stage – keep them from ever taking the risk.

"My family means everything to me," a father read from his letter to his son. "Each day is a challenge. I just wish and pray to have you back," he continued as tears poured down his reddened face. "And I can't wait for the day I take my last breath so I can hold you again."

There was serious sobbing in the audience now. It was safe to assume, that at this point, not one eye remained dry.

"My arms will ache to hug you," said one mother to her daughter who was crying on the stage.

Parents continued reading letters remembering their dead children, and students read their own letters, apologizing for their selfishness and their stupid mistake.

"What I just witnessed is pretty much going to keep me sober for another day," said speaker Pat Cronin, who talked about his battle with drug addiction. "I wish that I had this in my high school."

ORR Faculty Member Deb Soares said her son, Terell, is 21 years-old and still thinks about the impact

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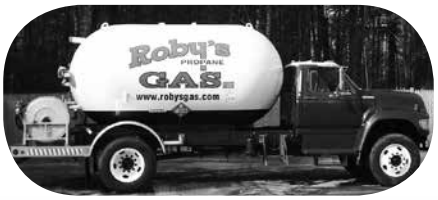

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the "Every 15 Minutes" program had on him. She said he always calls her when he needs a ride after drinking.

"I didn't expect it to hit me this hard," said Ali Grace, an ORR student, after the presentation. "I know that, due to this, my choices in the future are definitely going to change."

"It was very powerful," said Colin Knapton, who appeared on the stage during the presentation. "It was very personal." He said the presentation has convinced him to never take the risk of driving drunk.

The Day of the Grackle

This Mattapoisett Life

By Marilou Newell

It's happening again. The skies are blackened by swarms of winged devils. The calm of early mornings and twilight reveries vibrate with evil squawks. The treetops sway under the weight of thousands of single-minded beings. They come to procreate on my property and then raise their young, whose waste will be spread across my backyard, fouling the space so completely it will be June before we can go outside. I'm reminded yet again that Mother Nature rules, and we mere mortals droll as we watch her creatures fly through the skies and land in our woodlands for another season of 'Sex in the Pines.'

It wasn't always like this. In 1990, when we purchased our patch of paradise here in Mattapoisett, we spent springtime in joyful pursuit of gardening. First, there were the weekends of yard cleanup, then the

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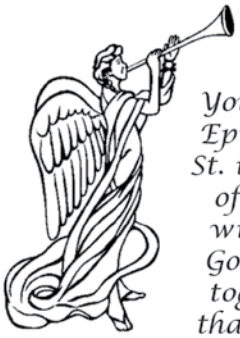
preparation of the flowerbeds, and finally the pleasure of planting. Oh, that sweet earthy smell of freshly tilled soil and newly spread mulch would fill our heads with "Ode to Joy" as we blithely danced across the lawn like garden fairies. But not any longer … for the last three years we have been preyed upon by (think dark ominous music) THE GRACKLES!

We'd see these denizens of the dark underworld in the village and marvel at their boisterous clans as dusk rolled in off the water. They were just part of the fabric of scene; we thought nothing more of them.

Then one early spring afternoon as I lay in my hammock reading and alternately nodded off, my trance-like nap was sliced through by the noise of hundreds



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of grackles. I opened my eyes and after some effort adjusting my aging eyesight, I saw in the canopy above the shadowy shapes of birds, lots and lots of birds. At first I marveled at the spectacle, thinking 'isn't that grand,' but then, as if on cue, these flying manure machines began to sprinkle their off-springs' waste sacks across my lawn and bomb the bird bath. I couldn't believe my eyes. Apparently the mother birds' manual on good housekeeping states that the nest must be kept clean for the health and wellbeing of the babies and that tossing the cruddy crap crates into a body of water is best. The pool cover, with a pond of spring rain in the center, was taking the brunt of the assault and had become in a single afternoon a sewer treatment plant. Hitchcock would have loved this.

As I lay there contemplating what my recourses might be, I reasoned that if I could disrupt the nests and wreck a little havoc on the cozy condominium complex these unwelcomed neighbors had built in my trees, they would leave and never return ("She is a crazy lady. The babies aren't safe here. Let's head for Haskell's Swamp."). I decided to take action.

Near at hand was the long-handled pool strainer. With a pole approximately 15 feet long and a square paddle-shaped strainer on the end, I figured I could do some serious suburban renewal on the nests. I grabbed the tool and began whacking the arborvitaes like a bass drummer in a marching band. Nothing happened. I sensed thousands of tiny eyes looking down on me with mild amusement. Not one single bird budged from its perch.

I would not give up so easily. Wasn't I a member of the top of the food chain club? Don't I possess a brain bigger than an acorn with complex cognitive capabilities? Yes, I will dislodge these interlopers, these unwelcomed guests and they will away to someone else's yard. With each successive whack, I let out a grunt that sounded sort of Yeti-like or at least what the Big Foot hunters claim one sounds like. Nothing happened. I was merely working up a sweat.

I like to believe that I have great stores of persistence in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds. After all, hadn't I completed the Fourth of July 5K in 1991 by speed walking, this in spite of overhearing someone on

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the sidelines comment "…that one isn't going to make it very far…" I not only finished the race, but I did so in less than 60 minutes – a personal best for yours truly. Go stick that in your pipe and smoke it. I wasn't giving up, not me!

By then, however, my arms were getting very tired, my shoulders had all but collapsed into my rib cage, and my neck was locking up. Then from somewhere on the edge of the battlefield, I heard a small voice say, "Hi Mrs. Newell, whatcha doin'?" I slowly lowered my weapon and my sightline and found a tiny neighbor standing nearby. With as much grace as a crazed person can summon in a moment of extreme mental agitation, I replied, "Oh, hi Mikey." He wore a puzzled expression that warranted some sort of reasonable response from me. I attempted to gently place the pole on the ground, pretending it was normal to be swinging it overhead and slamming it against trees. I then said, "Well, you see Mikey, all these birds are pooping in my yard…" and before I could elaborate further he scampered off calling to the other kids, "Hey, wanna see Mrs. Newell kill the birds!" Mercifully, he didn't return. I suspect watching ants come and go from an anthill was more of a draw for the little boys than witnessing a mentally deranged grandmother's attempt at javelin tossing with a piece of pool equipment.

We spent the next few weeks hiding in our sunroom, unable to enjoy our backyard as the baby birds matured and excreted increasing volumes of poop with every passing day. The pool cover was now beyond

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But then one afternoon, as we sat stoically yearning inside our sunroom wishing we owned a low maintenance parcel versus what we had created, our version of Versailles, I became aware of the quiet. "Hey honey, I don't hear those damn birds screaming," I remarked. My husband listened and concurred, "Yup."

It was over. The babies had flown the coop, and the adults were off to their vacations in other wooded areas. We ventured outside to clean up the mess not unlike that left behind after a massive spring break party.

We spent the balance of the warm season enjoying our yard and pool and reminiscing about how horrible the early spring had been, our suffering at the beaks of those filthy birds, and how we would never stand for it ever again.

How wrong we were. The following spring the now grown-up babies from that first generation descended upon us, returning to repeat what their kind do – pair-up and mate, and breed a new generation of poop-copters. But we weren't ready to surrender.

We hit the internet searching for any type of guidance or tool we could find that might dissuade the grackles from using our yard as a maternity ward. My husband became so incensed that he was willing to spend any sum if the purchased item worked. Soon we had a machine that emitted a series of predator bird calls.

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At first, we were sure this expensive gadget was working. We didn't see any birds of any type for about a week. In the meantime, we placed owl and hawk decoys around the yard and even set a string of predator balloons hovering above the pool's surface to discourage the unlawful dumping. We were moderately encouraged by the result. Sure, we had to listen to the recorded hollering of hawks and falcons, but we didn't care. Better that than piles of poop. But our joy was short lived. The nasty packets appeared anew. The grackles had quickly learned that although the place was full of scary sounds, scary things didn't happen.

Crestfallen, my husband made one final attempt at dislodging the flying vermin by employing an air horn. He blasted away, sending ear-splitting noise up to the heavens. Nothing happened. The grackles simply looked down on him and gave him the one-feather salute.

As we face another spring, we have mixed emotions. On the one hand, we love the sunshine and warmer temperatures. On the other hand, we watch the birds gather nesting materials and fly up into our trees, mocking us as they take up residence for the season.

One result of aging is learning to deal with limitations. Generally, these limitations are in the form of bodies no longer willing or able to perform tasks. But in our case, we take that one step further: We accept that the animals have won. The deer have eaten our bushes and left piles of brown marbles across vast expanses, the cats in the neighborhood prefer our flowerbeds to kitty litter, the woodchucks will burrow under the shed and eat our flowers, as will the rabbits with more digested vegetation sprinkled around. And last but not least, the grackles will once again raise their young whose poop we'll clean up so we can sit outside. Whoever coined the phrase "S - - T happens" can't possibly know how right they were.

(P.S. No animals were harmed during the writing of this story.)

Rochester Election Ousts Two Incumbents

By Jean Perry

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Rochester, with two incumbents voted out and two new candidates elected in.

For Rochester Memorial School Committee, Jennifer Kulak was the big winner with 212 votes, followed by Meagan Bennett with 165 votes, beating out running incumbent Timothy Scholz who took in 159 votes, and Cheryl Hebert who had 127.

Board of Health incumbent Sandra Keese had 170 votes – not enough to beat William David Souza and his 185 votes.

Write-in candidate for Planning Board Lee Carr received 71 of the 93 write-in votes, turning his currently appointed seat on the Planning Board into an officially elected one.

Election volunteers were a bit rattled after 8:30 pm when one single ballot was missing. There were several painstaking recounts until the ballot was discovered in the darkest corner of the voting machine and proudly held up high by Town Clerk and Selectman Naida Parker as the others quickly put their jackets on to leave.

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stated Parker, who maintained her uncontested position as Town Clerk, with 336 votes.

Voter turn-out was roughly 10 percent, with 402 out of the 4,092 registered Rochester voters exercising their right to vote on April 9.

Selectmen Approve Warrant

Rochester Board of Selectmen

By Jean Perry

Selectmen approved the Rochester Special Town Meeting warrant on April 14, which features two articles. The first article is for reserve fund transfers to cover bills from prior years and any other unpaid bills that might come before the May 19 meeting, and the second article pertains to the acceptance of a new law surrounding Board of Health members who may install septic systems for a living.

The law would alleviate the seeming conflict of interest by providing independent inspections for work completed by that Board of Health member.

The selectmen will review and approve the Annual Town Meeting Warrant during their April 28 meeting, and the warrant will be subsequently posted.

Also during the meeting, selectmen approved several appointments for the Police Department as requested by Police Chief Paul Magee.

Five patrol officers were appointed for one- and three-year terms, and four reserve officers were appointed for one-year terms.

Sergeant Robert Small was appointed for a three-year term, and three matrons were appointed for one-year terms. The animal control staff was also reappointed for another year.

The Senior Work-Off program was approved for another year, effective May 1. Through the program, senior citizens are granted up to a $750 reduction in property taxes in exchange for volunteer work at local

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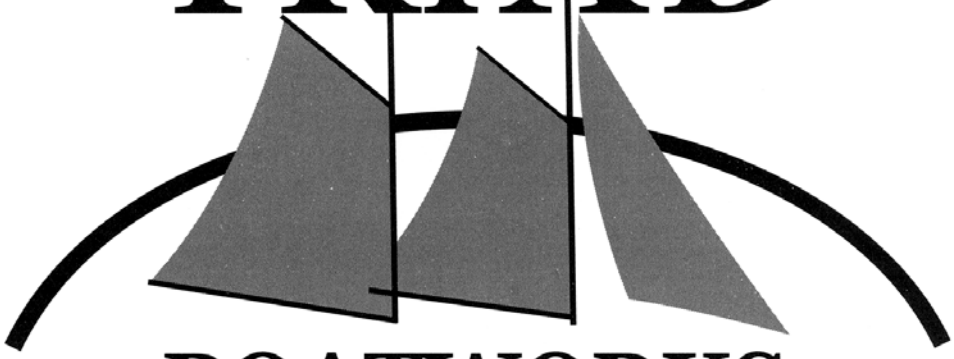

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facilities such as the Senior Center, Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library, and Rochester Memorial School.

"There's a lot of work that goes on in the Senior Center," said Town Administrator Richard LaCamera in a follow-up interview discussing the program. He said the program has now been in existence for about seven years.

LaCamera also stated that the State has approved a $30 million pothole fund to repair roads throughout the state. Rochester has been granted $45,000, which LaCamera said is a really good thing. He said the funding is a "one-time deal."

In other matters, Chief Magee sent selectmen a letter informing them that the Rochester Police Department has been awarded a grant to purchase two automated external defibrillators. This grant will now allow every patrol vehicle to be equipped with a defibrillator, and the two units will cost just over $3,100, with the grant covering half the expense. The remaining portion of the expense will be funded by the police donation account, at no cost to the town.

The next meeting of the Rochester Selectmen is **April 28** at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Solar Project at Landfill Moving Forward

Marion Board of Selectmen

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

After a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the Boston Marathon bombings, the Marion Board of Selectmen opened their meeting on Tuesday evening with a full agenda.

First up was an appointment with the Marion Energy Management Committee for a review of a draft Request for Proposal for a community solar garden to be located on the town landfill.

EMC members Bill Saltonstall, David Pierce, Eileen Marum and Jennifer Francis presented to the board. Although the solar overlay area at the town landfill

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consists of approximately fifty acres, the level plateau at the top of the landfill, consisting of approximately 2.4 acres, is being put out to bid to contractors to put a solar installation on the dump.

"There are financial advantages to the town and this will move us ahead ... we will have a short article on the warrant at town meeting asking to approve the RFP to get bids," said Saltonstall. "We think it's a good site. It's fenced in and the only shade is a sliver shadow from the cell tower for only a short time daily."

Town Administrator Paul Dawson said that the EMC "has worked tirelessly and have been very prepared, knowledgeable in the industry and standards and has done an all-around professional job in getting the town up

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and running in solar development."

Selectman Jon Henry noted that the town's AAA bond rating reflects how the town is run and that work done by the EMC helps to show how the town is organized and forward thinking.

Next up, the board discussed the applications for appointment to the Town House Building Committee. There were twelve applicants. Shaun Cormier, facilities manager for the town, culled through the applications and recommended five of them. The idea was to keep the committee manageable. After discussion, the BOS determined that seven would be a good number for the committee, given that some members may not be able to make every meeting.

In the end, the following committee members were voted in by the BOS: Robert Raymond, Bill Saltonstall, Priscilla Ditchfield, Evelyn Crocker, Wayne Mattson, Meg Steinberg and Jon Henry (representing the BOS). It was noted that Henry had over four decades of experience in the building industry, including a major stint as a member of the Army Corps of Engineers. The board thanked all the applicants for their interest in serving the town.

The board discussed a recommendation by Council on Aging Director Susan Schwager regarding guidelines in awarding the Boston Post Cane, which is awarded annually to the town's oldest resident. Schwager listed three requirements for the award including: 1) the individual must be a year-round resident of Marion; 2) he/she must have lived in Marion for at least five years; and 3) if in a nursing facility, the individual must have the ability to move back into the Marion community.

The board discussed the request and, after much dialog concerning those in the local nursing facility who often come from other towns, agreed to the guidelines suggested by Schwager.

Various credit memorandums, bond anticipation notes and agreements with the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust were also discussed and approved.

Cumberland Farms (North), formerly known as Christy's, applied for a common victualler permit to offer food on a seasonal basis at the now vacant store/gas station at the intersection of Spring Street and Route

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The BOS approved the victualler permit with the condition that all permits are fully compliant, as verified with the Marion Fire Chief.

Dawson gave an update on the Roadway Improvement Project and said that construction had begun at the intersection of Water and South Streets and that the work in that area should be done by or before Memorial Day. After that project is completed, Ryder Lane will follow.

Towns Get Facts About ORR Cyber Theft

Tri-Town Selectmen's Meeting

By Jean Perry

Selectmen on April 10 finally got to the bottom of the 2011 cyber-hacking incident that resulted in the theft of $134,000 from an Old Rochester Regional bank account.

On February 9, 2011, UniBank alerted school administration to several suspicious money transfers, including a $4,000 deposit to someone in Nashville, Tennessee. By the end of the day, there were 20 electronic transfers of ORR funds to 20 different accounts by the time UniBank froze the ORR payroll account that had been compromised.

Superintendent Doug White, reading from a prepared statement, said bank representatives came to the school and tested the computer system on February

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10 and traced the breach to a single computer in the business office. The computer was infected with malware that allowed a remote keystroke logger to record every keystroke made on the keyboard, thus allowing the hacker to acquire passwords and other sensitive information.

White said $100,992.39 was recouped within two months of the incident, but $33,774.61 was never recovered. The insurance company denied the district's claim for the loss because the incident involved a third-party and not an ORR faculty worker, and UniBank's investigation found the bank was not at fault for the breach.

Mattapoisett Town Administrator Michael Gagne addressed allegations that $600,000 was the actual amount stolen, and he questioned White about the discrepancy, which Gagne said he heard from White himself when the rumor of a cyber attack began circulating.

"When you called me back that morning … did you not say to me at that time that it was $600,000?" Gagne asked White.

"I could have," replied White. "I didn't go to the file." He said he did call Gagne back right away after going through the file for further information.

"But you do remember saying $600,000?" said Gagne.

White replied, "I potentially could have." He said that once he went to the file, though, he realized it was $134,000.

When asked if the School Committee could

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ever recover the remaining stolen funds, ORR Attorney Josh Coleman stated, "To be honest, I think it would be unlikely … The bank didn't find any fault of their own."

Mattapoisett Selectman Paul Silva suggested appointing a committee to handle these kinds of situations in the future to quickly assess and disperse information to the three towns so that if there is ever another cyber-hacking, the three towns could monitor their own computer systems.

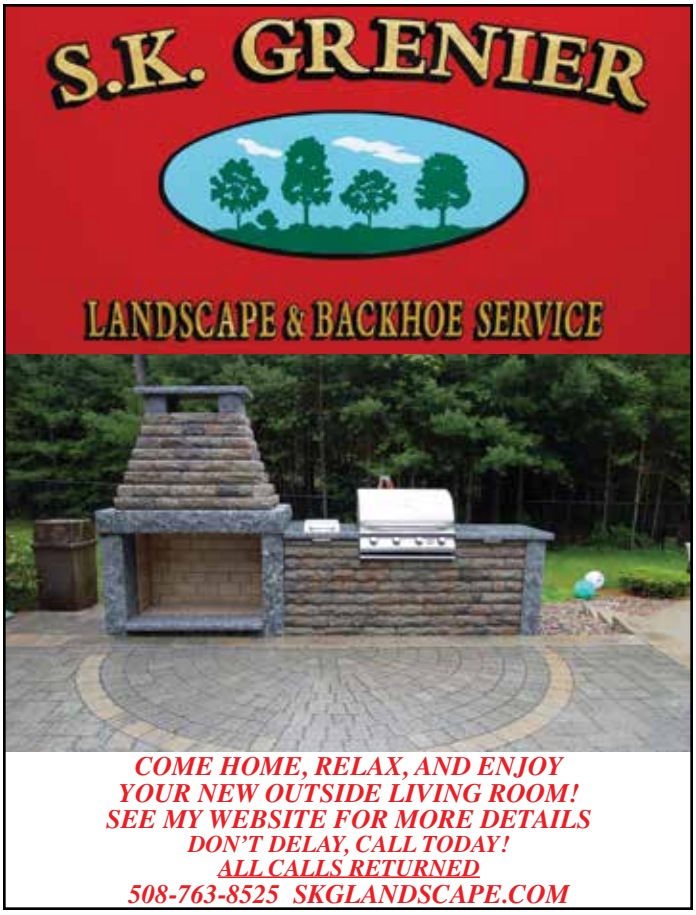
The selectmen adopted the motion, and the School Committee reluctantly took a vote to also appoint a committee.

Rochester Selectman Richard Nunes criticized what he considered the School Committee's proclivity for discussing matters in executive session instead of being open with the three towns.

"There was no attempt to hide anything," said former School Committee Chairman Dr. Peter Bangs, who chaired the committee at the time of the cyber-theft. He said executive session was warranted because public disclosure would have compromised the ongoing criminal investigation.

Current School Committee Chairman Jim O' Brien said law enforcement advised the committee to keep quiet, but stated that if he were chairman at the time, he probably would have asked more questions.

O' Brien got defensive when he alluded to one Rochester selectman who ran a letter to the editor in several local publications after Rochester selectmen and



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the ORR School Committee met in executive session on March 17 to discuss the cyber-theft. O' Brien said Nunes disclosed "many facts that went on during that meeting" in his editorial. O' Brien criticized those who "pack up their sand toys whenever they're not satisfied then run to the [press]."

"There was no conspiracy," said O' Brien. "But I will admit, if I had to do it over, I would have certainly met in executive session … with all three towns."

But third-party incidents not involving personnel do not qualify for executive session, stated Mattapoisett Selectman Jordan Collyer.

Nunes defended the letter he published, saying. "My comments did not reflect anything I said during executive session … so don't try and paint me as blabbing an executive session to the papers."

Nunes continued, "I'm tired of the School Committee running into executive session at the drop of a hat." He said executive session has become "the rule and not the exception" for the committee. "It shouldn't have to be like that."

Selectmen asked the School Committee why they do not record their meetings with ORCTV like the rest of the boards and committees do. The question went unanswered.

Discussion got heated after selectmen emphasized that the $34,000 recovered was "no chump change," expressing disappointment that the committee's legal counsel did not formally request the return of the money from the bank.

"I believe we've taken every step possible … we feel we could to recover that money," said White.

"It could have been a lot worse," said Collyer. "With every negative there is a positive … and we shouldn't discount that."

Selectmen asked White and the committee to work with their attorney to "put something together" and try to recover the $34,000 from the bank.

Also during the meeting, selectmen discussed the cable television license renewal, voting to keep Attorney William Solomon for negotiations, despite Mattapoisett's penchant for an attorney from Kopelman and Paige. The vote was 5-1 in favor of Solomon, with Silva abstaining.

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River Road Repaving Discussed

Marion Conservation Commission

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

A Notice of Intent filed by the Town of Marion, c/o Department of Public Works, to rehabilitate River Road in order to improve roadway infrastructure and roadway safety, brought four residents of the road in for comments at the Wednesday evening meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission.

Shawn Sida and Magdalin Lotsteolt of CDM Smith presented a proposal of what and how River Road looks now and how it will look after the repaving. At issue are the continual flooding of the road during heavy rainstorms and snow piles from plows sitting over a catch basin, thus blocking its use.

The proposal has River Road staying at the same elevation and width, but straightened out in certain places. The entire road will be replaced, a 12-inch pipe will run underground beneath it, and two filtered catch basins will be installed with catch hoods to collect any oil and grease. No berms will be installed. The Department of Public Works will maintain the drainage swales and basins.

After the presentation, several residents weighed in on the proposal. "While we are happy and excited to have this work done, we question why the road can't be elevated," said Chris Collings of 13 River Road. "I find it

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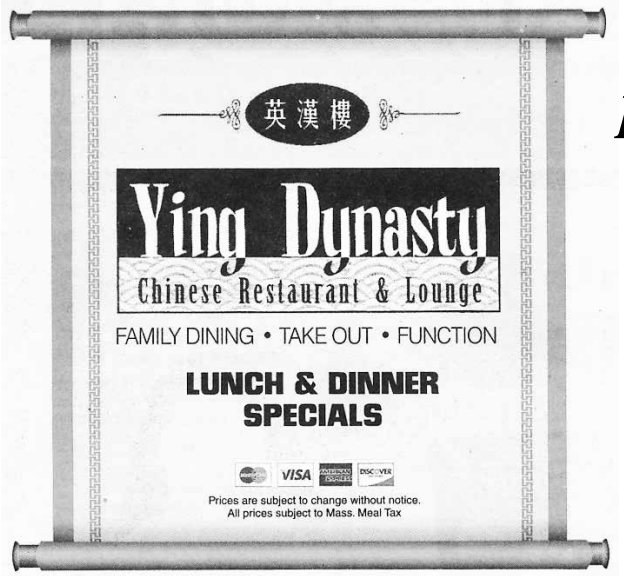

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hard to believe that not elevating the road will change this situation with constant flooding," said Collings.

Paul Hyde of 39 River Road said that his home sits on the river side and water that comes down the road is now running between his home and his neighbor's home. "I'm in the low spot," he said, "the road tarmac is wearing away in front of my house."

Hyde said he thought about putting in a berm, but that would only drive the water onto his neighbor's lot.

"It's called River Road for a reason," said Jim Colageo of 41 River Road. "The bottom line is that if the lower portion of the road doesn't come up, it'll flood again."

The board told the crowd that if a road is in a flood plain, it cannot be elevated. Syde agreed to meet with DPW Chief Rob Zora. The board asked the residents to provide any photos of the flooding so the issue can be discussed further. The hearing was continued until April 23 at 7:40 pm.

A discussion followed regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability to install a gunite in-ground swimming pool and a patio at 52 Water Street for applicant Maryellen S. Shachoy. The property is in a flood plain and the pool would be located approximately 150 feet from a wetland area.

Two employees from Dartmouth Pools represented the client and answered questions from the board. "The impact on the site will be minimal and all soil

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will be taken off site," said Norry Alves, of Dartmouth Pools.

The board asked about any potential discharge of pool water. "There will be no discharge. The discharge line will be blocked and there will be no pumping of water into the wetlands. A filter will be used," said Alves.

A full Certificate of Compliance was issued to Henry and Judy DeJesus for razing the existing house at 12 Hartley Lane and constructing a new dwelling, stone patio and gravel driveway.

Another Full Certificate of Compliance was issued to James and Marie T. Davidian of 21 East Avenue, Planting Island for reconstructing a licensed concrete boat ramp.

Last, the board discussed the replication of wetlands at 154 Spring Street. The applicants, William and Karen Curley, were represented by David Davignon of N. Douglas Schneider & Associates, Inc. The Curleys were seeking a Full Certificate of Compliance for razing the existing dwelling and constructing a new dwelling with an attached garage, replicating wetlands and landscaping. William Curley spoke and said that he planted red cedar

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A question remained regarding the success of the replication of the wetland. The board explained that it was common practice to have a non-partial professional – whether a botanist or other certified professional – make a determination on the success of the replication. The Order of Conditions for the applicant included wetland replication monitoring and an annual progress report, which was not done.

"We'd like a report by a qualified professional that says the replication was successful," said board member Jeffrey Doubrava.

FinCom Asks Probing Questions

Mattapoisett Finance Committee

By Marilou Newell

As Mattapoisett's Finance Committee nears the end of its hard work preparing for the spring town meeting, they met on April 9 with various department heads to ask questions pertinent to capital funding requests.

First up was John DeSousa, Chairman of the Community Preservation Committee. As he had done at the selectmen's meeting the night before, DeSousa gave a presentation that outlined the year-long work the committee has now completed, which included the development of a master plan. The master plan contains firm guidelines on the process for requesting funds from the CPC, the system for grading or prioritizing the requests, and the types of requests that may be requested. He said that committee members had also participated in training at the state level to become more familiar with this relatively new funding source of community projects. DeSousa explained that the Community Preservation Act, which recently underwent some rule changes, now allows the CPC to accept donations from the public.

In February, the CPC voted to accept all seven requested projects and bring them to town meeting where voters will decide the final fate of each. Those projects are: Barlow Cemetery - $3,627 for fencing repairs and general maintenance; Mattapoisett Historical Society/ Museum - $16,000 for new cataloging system of historical documents; Buzzards Bay Coalition - $96,000 for land acquisition at Nasketucket Bay; town wharf - $49,000 for masonry repairs; Bike Path Committee - $39,000 for engineering fees for Phase 1B; town beach bath house - $50,000 for repairs including handicap accessibility structural improvements; and Recreation Department - $55,000 for a tot lot adjacent to the tennis courts at Center School. A lead person from each organization that requested funding will lobby for their project at town meeting. The CPC cannot initiate a project; it can only review requests they receive and either accept them based on specific criteria or reject them.

Chairman of Capital Planning Chuck McCullough was next to give his committee's presentation of capital expenses received from various departments for 2015 budget consideration. During his presentation, Police Chief Mary Lyons was asked to explain the need for a new utility vehicle. She explained that this would be a SUV-style cruiser of the type now being ordered versus a sedan style. The Finance Committee members also asked about the need for a new ambulance. Chief Lyons explained that neither Tobey Hospital in Wareham nor St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford is designated as a trauma center by the state. This means that trauma victims must now be transported to Rhode Island Hospital. She said that transports to Rhode Island are about twice a week and add many additional miles to older ambulances.

The committee also questioned why the estimated costs for a new fire station – part of the five-year capital plan – had gone from $2.5 million to $3.5 million. Fire Chief Andrew Murray was on hand to explain that

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costs for building a new fire station had increased from when he completed researching similar structures. They also questioned him on the requests for repairs to fire suppression vehicles. Chief Murray explained that the requested sums for repairs would be good investments in the fire engines, giving them many more years of services rather than purchasing new vehicles that won't fit in the current fire station facility.

McCullough completed his presentation by presenting the full list of funding requests prioritized by Capital Planning. Those requests are: (1) fire department's Engine 4 repairs - $15,000; (2) police utility vehicle - $35,000; (3) library window repairs - $7,000; (4) fire department Engine 2 refurbishment - $125,000; (5) new ambulance - $200,000; (6) local schools combined computer infrastructure upgrades - $49,000; (7) local schools technology upgrades - $30,000; (8) Hammond Street parking - $18,500; (9) local schools playground repairs - $21,000; (10) beach raft repairs - $10,000; (11) town hall office equipment - $13,400; (12) road sign project - $22,000; (13) highway department building repairs - $40,000; (14) library generator - $50,000; (15) fire department station vehicle - $36,000; (16) highway department utility vehicle - $50,000; (17) new math curriculum - $49,000; and (18) new police cruiser - $32,500.

Town Administrator Mike Gagne said that voters would most likely not fund the full list, noting that possibly only the top six items would pass. FinCom member Pat Donoghue questioned if items that had been given a prioritized position could be taken out of sequence. She was reminded that policy had been changed to discourage funding a need that might enjoy favoritism with a specific group, rather than what was best for the community at large. Gagne said that only the items that could be funded from free cash or other approved sources would be included in the town meeting warrant. That is part of the work that FinCom will undertake leading up to the printing of the town meeting warrant.

Nick Nicholson, Superintendent of the Water and Sewer Department (an enterprise business), was last to appear before the FinCom members. He shared that the new water meters are a great improvement for the town's 'cash registers.' They not only improve the

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recorded amount of water consumed by each customer, but they also identify leaks and other problems that might otherwise go undetected. He talked to them about the need to purchase more sewer capacity from Fairhaven for future sewer needs when such areas as Harbor Beach, Aucoot Cove, Brandt Island Beach, and Pease Point are added. He also said that there are plans to expand the sewer system to the north along North Street all the way to the end of Industrial Drive.

Nicholson said that he will be seeking authorization to sell property located inside Bay Club and at 33 Church Street to offset the cost of constructing a new water and sewer facility. He noted that such a building would consolidate the current fragmentation of the department and also eliminate rent payments for the 19 County Road office building.

Nicholson went on to explain that phase 3 of the water supply development will be delayed about a year until the new water and sewer rates are in place and the impact of the increase can be evaluated.

The next meeting of the Finance Committee is **April 15** at 6:30 pm.

ConCom Agenda Full Again

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

First up on a long agenda that faced the Conservation Commission on April 14 was the Mattapoisett Land Trust. Gary Johnson, chairman of the trust, came forward to discuss repairs needed at the Munro Preserve located at 0 Main Street adjacent to the town wharves. The area behind the sea wall that was built in 1998 has sustained storm damage, resulting in exposed landscape fabrics and dislodged stones that allow some erosion. The land trust partnered with University of Massachusetts and brought along two senior interns who offered their expert advice and proposed repairs. Tom DeLomba and Sean Graven recommended laying down new landscape fabric, and riprap and surge stones to fill in the eroded spaces. These larger stones, they said, should be more resistant to wave action.

After a review of older documents, it was determined that the trust needed to close out an earlier permit that would allow ConCom to issue a certificate of compliance on the original sea wall construction and ongoing maintenance. Once that was completed, they could file a request for determination on the immediate maintenance needed. Members of the commission noted the importance for complete transparency and equal treatment for all applications to avoid any perception that they were treating anyone differently. The trust will move forward in completing the paperwork.

David Davignon of N. Douglas Schneider & Associates represented a number of clients. The first were Brian and Betsy Andrade on their application to obtain a permit in perpetuity to perform beach nourishment as needed at 70 Aucoot Road. This was approved with standard conditions.

His next clients were Thomas and Maureen

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Clancy, 10 Briar Road, to replace the existing cottage with a new single-family dwelling. There are no wetlands considerations and a filing with DEP was returned with no comments. The project was approved with standard conditions.

Representing Anthony Campbell and Norah Cross, of 1 Goodspeed Island, Davignon was seeking to clean-up open permit paperwork for work that never proceeded. This was approved and a certificate of compliance was issued.

Certificates of compliance were also issued for his clients, Donald and Ellen Ross, 5 Woodland Avenue, of Pease Point Improvement Association for sea wall repair.

The certificate of compliance requested by Daniel and Laurie DaRosa of 3 Goodspeed Island was tabled until June to give the recently-planted beach grasses, in what had been deemed a "no touch" zone, sufficient time to determine their long-term viability.

For William and Myriol Saunders, 6 Deer Run, the commission told Davignon that they needed a copy of the 'as built' plans before a certificate of compliance could be granted. There were questions regarding the scope of work that has taken place on the property.

Richard Charon represented James and Debra Jones, 3 Cove Street, who submitted a notice of intent. Their unique property and home features a beach-front lot and 902-square feet of living space on stilts. They propose to raze the existing home and build a new 920-square foot home, meeting all flood zone requirements. However,

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the Jones do not plan to move forward with construction until such time as public sewer service becomes available. Their application was approved with conditions and the exclusion of propane tanks.

Jason Braz, representing Jorge Verissimo of Brandt Point Village, then met with the commission for a public hearing on two lots in the development that have been sold. ConCom's Bob Rogers said that they needed to keep this project and others at the site on their radar screens to ensure coordination with the planning board. Recently, the planning board reviewed Phase 2 of the development and decided on another public hearing due to a change in the number of bedrooms proposed for homes planned at the site.

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Midway through the evening, the commission tabled a hearing with Leisure Shores due to the absence of the applicants' representatives. A call to Dana Barrows, manager of the marina, alerted him and he arrived some minutes later. There was apparent confusion on his part, and he requested a continuance until he could be prepared to present the commission with an updated float replacement and master plan for other clean-up work at the business. Barrows said that he had requested and received an opportunity to meet with Town Administrator Michael Gagne recently and was very appreciative of his time and input on what has become a very long and drawn-out entanglement for owner Robert Ringuette.

Barrows also said that when the commission had been less than pleased with a five-year replacement plan the business had offered some weeks ago, they withdrew their financial support for the hiring of an independent peer review environmental engineer that the commission had mandated. Chairman Peter Newton expressed his concern at hearing this and told Barrows that it was within the commission's right to seek outside assistance, that this was not tied to either accepting or rejecting their plan. Barrows circled around several times, sharing with the commission all the forward movement and positive actions the enterprise has undertaken and his desire to cooperate with all town departments. His request for a continuation was granted.

The next meeting of Mattapoisett's Conservation Commission is **April 28** at 6:30 pm.

Backlash Continues Over Good Friday Decision

Old Rochester Regional School Committee

By Jean Perry

Grief over Good Friday continued at the April 9 ORR School Committee meeting, as one resident introduced a petition with 115 signatures opposing the Joint School Committee's decision to switch Good Friday

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in 2015 from a religious holiday into a regular school day.

Margaret McGee of Rochester said that in 1776, the Declaration of Independence established the rights of freedom of speech and freedom of religion.*

"And I still believe in freedom of speech and freedom of religion," said McGee.

The joint committees voted on March 27 to make Good Friday a regular school day, Superintendent Doug White pointed out. He said in order for the vote to be rescinded and a new vote taken, one member from the prevailing side – a member who voted to nix the religious holiday – would have to make the motion to rescind and the motion would need to be seconded. Subsequent debate would take place, and then the original motion

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would be made, seconded, and re-voted.

Slightly complicating matters is the fact that some members who originally voted for the change are not returning to the committee after elections. Rochester School Committee Member Michelle Cusolito did not run for reelection, and Tim Scholz lost the election later in the evening.

"We look at the best practice for the best quality of education," said Chairman James O' Brien. He said the committees looked at several factors when making the vote on the school calendar.

Rochester resident Robert McGee told the committee, "Nine out of ten people that I have talked to are against it." He added that "most people" are also going to keep their kids home on Good Friday next year.

O'Brien said there was no attack on any singular religion. "It was in defense of *all* religions," said O' Brien. "Jewish, or Hindu, or no faith at all." He continued, "We try to make the best decisions that will affect great education."

School Committee Member Charles Motta said he would like information about how students and their *families* actually celebrate Good Friday this year to better understand the situation.

Speaking in favor of the committees' decision to eliminate Good Friday, Rick Cusolito, husband to former School Committee Member Michelle Cusolito, cited the 1971 **Lemon v. Kurtzman** Supreme Court decision regarding public funding of religious schools. The ruling established the "Lemon Test," a three-prong test concerning law and religion.

The Lemon Test governs legislation pertaining to religion, which must contain each prong: 1) it must include a secular purpose; 2) it must not enhance or inhibit a religion; and 3) there must be no "excessive government entanglement" with religion.

Since Cusolito voiced his concern at the end of the meeting, there was no further debate on the subject. The topic will likely be discussed at the next Joint School Committee meeting on May 8; however, O' Brien stressed that the meeting could be rescheduled to a different date.

Also during the meeting, the board discussed ORR school choice slots for the 2014-2015 school year, but took no action until further information could be provided.

White said his office has received many applications rather early in the season, and his administrative assistant is daily receiving between 20 and 25 calls requesting information.

The junior and high schools could increase the number of slots for next year and use the revenue to go towards bringing faculty levels back up, as Devoll suggested, or put towards "stuff" like computers, as suggested by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Elise Frangos. The schools currently have 93 school choice slots filled by out-of-district students.

In other matters, ORR High School Principal Michael Devoll asked the committee to vote to approve a new location to host the 2014 senior prom, after the

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chosen venue, Lakeview Pavilion in Foxboro, burned down April 5. Devoll said the venue has promised the return of the $1,000 deposit for the event, and the committee approved relocating the prom to the Indian Pond Country Club in Kingston.

The committee also approved the Athletic Trainer contract, which received two bids this year instead of the single bid received every year by the school's current athletic training provider, Southcoast Occupational Health.

White said the bid from Hawthorne Medical Associates was a lower figure; however, the deal was contingent upon the school's current trainer leaving Southcoast and accepting an employment position with Hawthorne. The employee refused, so the school will continue with Southcoast.

The next meeting of the ORR School Committee is scheduled for **May 14** at 6:00 pm in the superintendent's conference room at ORR.

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Good Friday Debate Gets Heated

Mattapoisett School Committee

By Jean Perry

Backlash from the Joint School Committee decision to make Good Friday a regular school day made its way to Mattapoisett on April 14.

Mattapoisett School Committee Chairman James Higgins kicked off the discussion by making it clear that he now has second thoughts about the calendar change in light of the public discourse, reading a prepared statement and clarifying that he did not vote in favor

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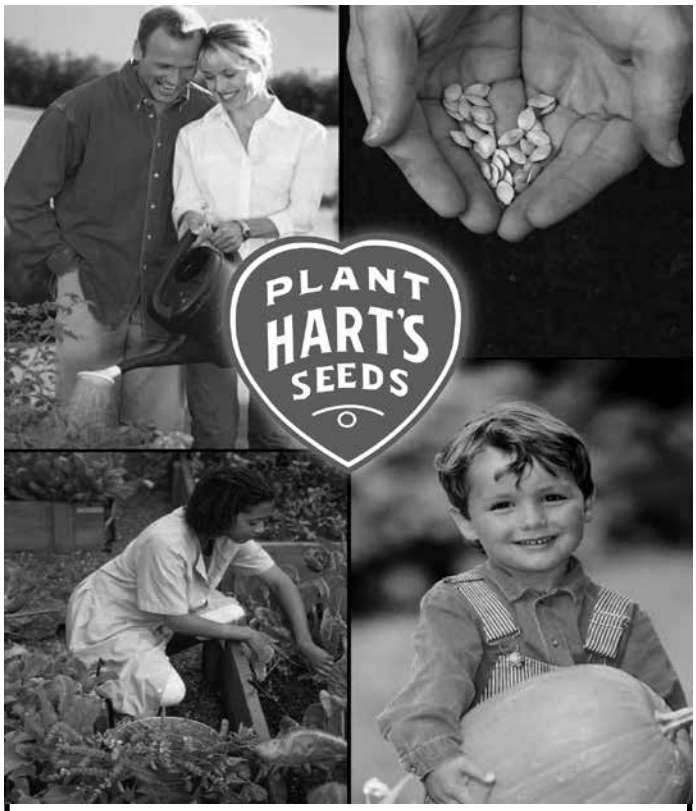

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of the change, yet he did not vote against it. Nor did he abstain, Higgins claimed, saying he just simply did not vote either way because he was confused by the calendar discussion during that meeting.

He said he cannot ignore the public's concerns and, at this point, will ask the Joint School Committee to revisit the matter.

"We cannot make decisions based on political correctness" stated Higgins. He continued, "I do not think people from other religions are offended [by the Good Friday religious holiday]."

Committee member James Muse, who voted in favor of the Good Friday change, said, "I assure you I didn't vote on political correctness."

Muse said Good Friday was not a federal holiday or a state holiday, and that the Good Friday decision was based on creating cohesiveness throughout the school calendar.

"I do not believe," continued Muse, "…that we should be voting for religious holidays in a public setting."

While some committee members discussed the value of the half-day Wednesday before Thanksgiving and discounted it as an effective learning day, a table of four teachers in the back of the Center School cafeteria spoke among themselves, appeared puzzled, raised their hands in question and shook their heads no.

Mattapoisett resident Tom Aldren asked why Good Friday wasn't listed on the agenda. He argued that Good Friday was a holiday, pointing out that the New York Stock Exchange is closed that day. He said, as a Mattapoisett tax payer, he resented that the Good Friday change was "Rochester-driven."

"I'm pretty upset that something this contentious was pushed through without anyone knowing," said Aldren. He continued, "I feel pretty disenfranchised … and I'd like it to be revisited."

"I don't have an issue on how it was done," said Higgins. "…This is not an issue of squeaking it by." But that the topic was raised during the joint meeting did "surprise" him. He said he felt unprepared for the discussion and subsequent vote.

"Nothing was done deceitfully. It was an open public meeting," said Higgins. "There was hardy debate and your position as well spoken for," Higgins told Aldren.

One teacher joined the debate and asked the committee to also reconsider reinstating the half-day before Thanksgiving, arguing that it was, indeed, a valuable teaching day – and so are the days leading to summer vacation.

The discussion returned to Good Friday, and Muse took a defensive stance when rebutting Aldren's comment that everything he learned about the Good Friday vote was from what he read in *The Wanderer.*

"Not everything in the paper is fact," said Muse, saying that those "facts" are "up for interpretation." He continued, "I take offense that there was any inference that this wasn't an open public meeting with open public debate."

Aldren bellowed out, "Ha ha ha ha!" as Muse's face reddened as he spoke.

In a follow-up interview, when asked what part of *The Wanderer's* Joint School Committee meeting coverage was "not fact," Muse stated that he did not read the article. He clarified that what he meant was that

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newspapers summarize the meetings and that they do not include all of what took place at the meeting.

The discussion ended and Aldren left the meeting.

In other matters, the committee discussed school choice options for the district, touching upon the pros and cons of school choice, but taking no action until next month. The committee asked to see more information – specifically from local real estate agents – before deciding whether to offer any further school choice slots next year or not.

Concerns focused on unexpected students moving into the district, which would drive up the teacher to student ratio. Higgins presented several studies about the benefits of smaller class sizes during early education, and advocated hiring another second-grade teacher for next year in light of some unexpected funding freeing up in the fiscal year 2015 budget.

Superintendent Doug White explained that the funding Higgins referred to is one-time funding, and Higgins suggested a new teaching position could be initially limited to a one-year position.

The second grade next year faces a ratio of 1:23 in two classrooms, and 1:22 in the other. The committee discussed a target class size of 1:17 to 1:19 as optimal.

The next Mattapoisett School Committee meeting will be **May 19** at Center School. The time will be earlier, at 5:30 pm, because of the Rochester Town Meeting.

AFS Club Visits Arcola, IL

ORR Update

By Renae Reints

Members of Old Rochester Regional High School's AFS club went on a short-term exchange to a high school in Illinois last Wednesday through Sunday. The students were hosted by AFS club members in the small town of Arcola. While there, they experienced what life is like in America's mid-west.

ORR students on the trip included freshman Tessa Comboia; sophomores Abby Field, Cate Feldkamp, and Holly Frink; juniors Annie Henshaw, Samantha Malatesta, Chloe Riley, Kate Colwell, and Morgan Browning; and seniors Emily Hyde, Evelyn Murdock, Lizzie Machado, Nancy Pope, Robby Magee, and Renae Reints. ORR's

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senior foreign exchange students – Louisa Truss from Germany and Ailina Cervantes Diaz from Costa Rica – also went to Arcola. The students were chaperoned by Nurse Kim Corazzini and parent-volunteer Rhonda Reints.

While in Arcola, the students attended a day of school at the town's high school. "I always think that ORR is such a small school, but theirs is like half the size of ORR," said Frink, "Everyone knows everyone and they're really just kind to each other."

Frink and many of the other ORR travelers admired how the students from Arcola always make a point to say hello to others in the halls or around town. "It's small, but it's something," said Frink.

Malatesta noted how this unity reached beyond the students. "Their community supports them so much more than ours. They're just so invested in their school," said Malatesta, "The community is the one that's raising money so that they can get iPads next year. It's not the school; it's the parents and the people that have graduated."

This devotion reaches beyond academics in Arcola. Each year, townspeople paint the telephone pole bases on the main road to resemble members of the high school's football team. Besides just decorating in support of their teams, Hyde noted, "They all go to every sporting event. It's not just the athletes that show up to the basketball games, the track meets – it's everybody. Everybody from different towns even, not just Arcola."

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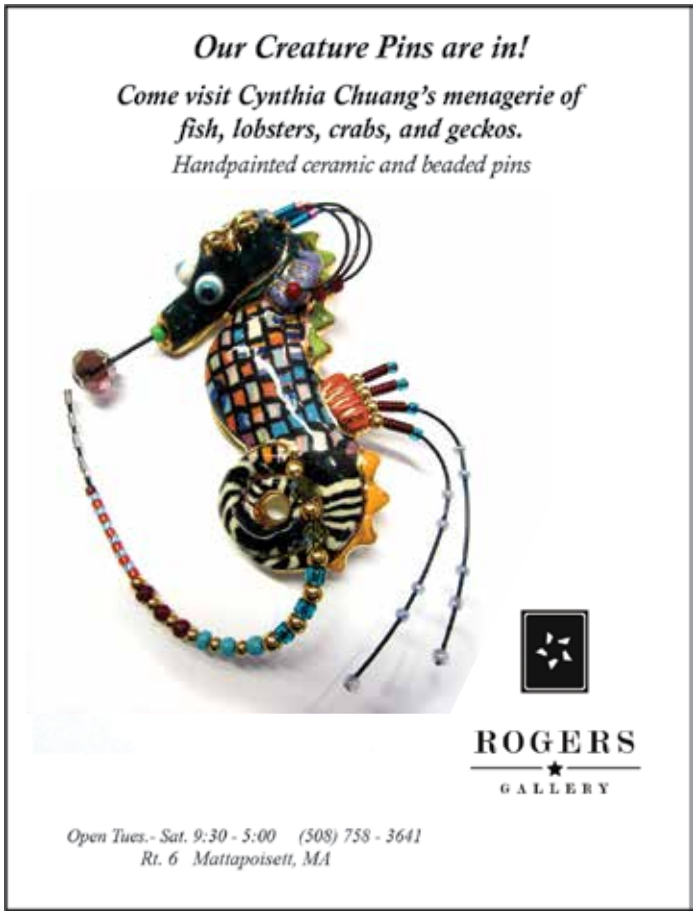

Along with the welcoming culture in Arcola, the students of ORR had the opportunity to spend an afternoon immersed in the area's Amish community. They visited a museum at Rockome Gardens, enjoyed an authentic lunch in the home of an elderly Amish couple, toured a buggy-making shop, and visited an Amish farm where they got to ride in a horse and buggy. The simple way of life of the Amish was foreign and intriguing to the ORR students who come from a less diverse area.

"You always think that they're different people, but they're so much like us," said Hyde of the Amish people. The other students from ORR were equally delighted with their Amish experience. Many of them chose Amish experiences as their favorite part of the trip.

"I really loved riding in a horse and buggy. That was great," said Frink, "I just liked getting introduced to different cultures."

"It was so cool to see the different kinds of transportation, not the basic car that everyone else has," said Machado, adding, "Honestly, the people that were there, they were so nice; they were so welcoming."

On their last day in Illinois, the ORR students visited Chicago with their friends from Arcola. They had the opportunity to go to the top floor of Willis Tower (previously known as Sears Tower) and walk on the Sky Deck's Ledge – a glass box extending off the building's 103rd floor, 1,353 feet above the city. After this thrilling experience, the students had Chicago's famous deep-dish pizza for lunch. They spent some time at Navy Pier's shopping center before a sad goodbye outside ORR's hotel for the night.

Despite the brevity of the trip, some strong friendships formed between the students from ORR and Arcola. The initial meetings had passed when Arcola's AFS club visited Tri-Town last month, and last week's trip was about strengthening those friendships along with sparking new ones.

"You can only get to know each other so much in a short period of time, but being able to really meet them when they came to ORR, and then to live with them," said Frink, "you really get to know someone when you know where they come from."

"It's one thing to go to Ned's Point with somebody," said Hyde, touching upon a similar point,

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"but when you're living in somebody's house for three days, you just grow so much closer."

Murdock said she felt this trip was more beneficial than previous exchanges because it wasn't overly-structured. "This year, I felt so much closer to all of them because we actually went to where they hang out. We went to their restaurants and we went to the park," she said, "We got to spend a lot of down time with them – hanging out them and their friends and seeing what people actually do there."

Colwell, like the others, was sad to leave but happy for the memories made. "I really enjoyed seeing everyone again, because I missed them," she said, "I thought it was really nice going out to lunch with them, and having deep-dish pizza in Chicago and everything."

Each student made their own unique memories while in Arcola. Henshaw took an early exercise class with her host student's mother – a fun and tiring morning she won't soon forget. "It was 'Chicks in Training' and I got to exercise with most of the kids' moms," Henshaw laughed. "That was an amazing bonding experience."

A previous exchange student herself, Henshaw was able to compare this AFS trip to her experiences in Panama last summer. While the Panama trip was organized for community service and the Arcola trip was organized for making new friendships, Henshaw said the ideals behind the exchanges are similar. "The purpose of the trip was somewhat the same, that it was about meeting new people and building relationships, and

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understanding other cultures and being accepting of other cultures."

That's just what ORR's AFS club did out in Arcola, Illinois. Now that they're home in Tri-Town, the students are cherishing their memories and staying in touch with their new friends in the mid-west, while the underclassmen look forward to future AFS exchanges.

Freshmen Perform *Macbeth*

Tabor Academy News

By Julia O'Rourke

It has been a long-standing tradition at Tabor Academy for English I students to read and perform Shakespeare's *Macbeth* in the second semester of the school year. This tradition was taken a step further this year to make for a great performance this past weekend.

Freshmen began reading and analyzing the themes of Macbeth this winter, finishing just before spring vacation. The students were then assigned roles that they would play in the annual spring performance of Macbeth. The students stage the five acts of the play in this performance, with each class being assigned their own scenes.

While students were studying their characters and memorizing lines, they got to experience something less traditional to this annual project. During the first weekend in April, all of the students headed to Gamm Theater in Pawtucket, RI to see this production. However, in a slight twist, this version of the play took place during World War I. Students found this play very compelling, while it was also very helpful for them to understand their characters.

For the student production, each class had control of their costumes and set. This made for a very diverse play that kept the audience interested this past Saturday.

This event is one that the school looks forward to, but it also helps the freshmen to understand the story of *Macbeth* in more depth.

Ryan Pitches First Career No-Hitter

ORR Sports Update

By Michael Kassabian

Here is a look at the second week of scheduled

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games for ORR spring athletics.

Baseball: The Bulldogs had a week headlined by strong pitching. The boys notched their first win of the season over Coyle-Cassidy, 13-10, thanks to a strong performance by relief pitcher **Ryan Plunkett**. In his first varsity win, Plunkett struck out six opponents, allowing only one hit and no runs to turn the tide of the game for the Bulldogs. Offensively, Plunkett went three-for-four with two runs scored. **Bryant Salkind** also had a great game, notching four RBIs. The highlight of the week for the Bulldogs, however, was senior pitcher **Andrew Ryan**, who pitched his first career non-hitter in a win against Wareham, 12-0. Ryan walked only four batters to secure his first ever no-hitter. Offensively, the Bulldogs also played well, thanks to strong performances by **Chris Carando** (three runs), **Jordan Menard** (triple, two RBIs), and **Kiernan Besse** (triple, two runs).

Softball: The Lady Bulldogs had a rough start to their second week, losing their first two games in close scores. Against Apponequet, the girls were edged out 4-3 and then lost later in the week to GNB Voc-Tech, 6-3. However, the girls rallied back in the latter half of the week to secure their first victory of the season over Wareham, 15-5. Junior **Kaleigh Goulart** and freshman **Olivia Labbe** had great games, each securing three hits and a home-run. Goulart also played well defensively, picking up her first win of the season from the pitcher's mound. **Maddie Lee** and **Sam Allaire** also provided offensively, recording two hits apiece.

Boys' Track: The boys' track team remained undefeated this week with a 93-43 win over Wareham. **Kevin Saccone** won four events (long jump, triple jump, 110 hurdles, and 200-meter dash) to lead the Bulldogs to their second consecutive victory. **Mike Wyman** had a fantastic race in the two-mile, where he ran 9:27, five seconds off the school record, with virtually no competition. **Colin Knapton** won three events (javelin, high-jump, and 400-meter-dash) and **Ben Rounseville** also pitched in with a win in the 400-hurdles.

Girls' Track: The Lady Bulldogs also remained undefeated this week, easily beating Wareham, 99-37. **Paige Santos** won three events (high-jump, 400-hurdles, and 110-hurdles), and the Lady Bulldogs claimed nine other events on the day to defeat what was expected to be one of their top competitors for the SCC title.

Boys' Tennis: The tennis team won their lone match this week against SCC rival Bourne with an easy 5-0 victory. The Bulldogs won all five matches, with **Alex Bilodeau**, **Alden Truesdale**, and **Doug Blaise** claiming the first, second, and third singles' matches, respectively. Freshmen **Maxx Wolski** and **Sean Nutter** won at first doubles, 6-1, 6-3, while **Connor Blagden** and **Steven Burke** won 6-3, 6-1 at second doubles. With the win, the Bulldogs claim their first conference and second overall win.

Girls' Tennis: The Lady Bulldogs had an exciting match against Bourne this week, where they just edged out the Lady Canalmen, 3-2, to earn their first conference win. **Julia Nojeim** won yet again at first singles, and sophomores **Charlotte Levine** and **Amy Bichajian** also won at second doubles. The heroes of the day, however, were senior **Rachel Brown** and freshman **Sophie Church**, who bounced back after a tough first set loss to win 3-6, 6-2, 7-5 at first doubles. The duo, which had never played together, was pivotal to the ORR win and allowed the Lady Bulldogs a chance to remain in the hunt for the competitive SCC title.

Boys' Lacrosse: Thanks to strong performances by **Ethan Lizotte** and **Connor Severino**, the Bulldogs won their lone game this week against Pope John Paul II in a 12-1 blowout. Severino and Lizotte each scored four goals apiece to lead ORR, which had eight players score in the game. Also contributing were **Chris Nadeau** (three goals),

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Nic Suprenant and **Landon Goguen** (two goals apiece) and **Charlie Tirrell**, **Ryan Manning**, and **Mikey Pruchnik** (one goal apiece).

Girls' Lacrosse: The Lady Bulldogs had a strong start to their week, easily defeating Sturgis West, 15-5. **Bailey Truesdale** was the leading scorer of the game with five goals, while **Mikayla Demanche** and **Ali Grace** each had a hat trick. Goalie **Madison Thomson** made seven saves on the game. The win against Sturgis West lengthened the girls' undefeated streak to three games. Unfortunately, that streak was snapped later in the week as the girls suffered their first loss of the season to Bourne, 16-13. Truesdale played fantastically during the loss, scoring eight goals, while teammate Demanche notched four and senior **Rachael Chandler** added one. The Lady Bulldogs trailed 9-7 at the half and were never able to recover despite a strong offensive effort.

Below are the overall spring team records, followed by the conference records in wins, losses, and ties as of April 13.

Baseball: (2-2-0) (1-1-0); Softball: (1-4-0) (1-3-0); Boys' Track (2-0-0) (2-0-0); Girls' Track (2-0-0) (2-0-0); Boys' Tennis: (2-1-0) (1-0-0); Girls' Tennis: (2-1-0) (1-0-0); Boys' Lacrosse: (2-2-0) (1-0-0); Girls' Lacrosse: (3-1-0) (1-1-0).

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To the Editor:

I write this letter with great interest. It pertains to the article written by Margaret and Robert McGee and the decision made by the School Committee to make Good Friday a school day. I first want to commend them for speaking up for what it is they feel deeply about.

My Webster dictionary defines Thanksgiving as the act of giving thanks – a prayer expressing gratitude; a legal holiday for giving thanks for divine goodness. To this end, I am recalling my first experience at attending a Thanksgiving dinner put on by the students at ORR and who ever else had a hand in it. After the opening welcome, I was expecting a call of silence so that each person may give thanks in their own manner. This did not happen. It would seem more appropriate if they were to drop the word Thanksgiving and simply say – come join us for a turkey dinner. A little on the cool side, but more accurate than the way it is being handled.

Having said this, I feel the School failed to teach the students the true meaning of Thanksgiving.

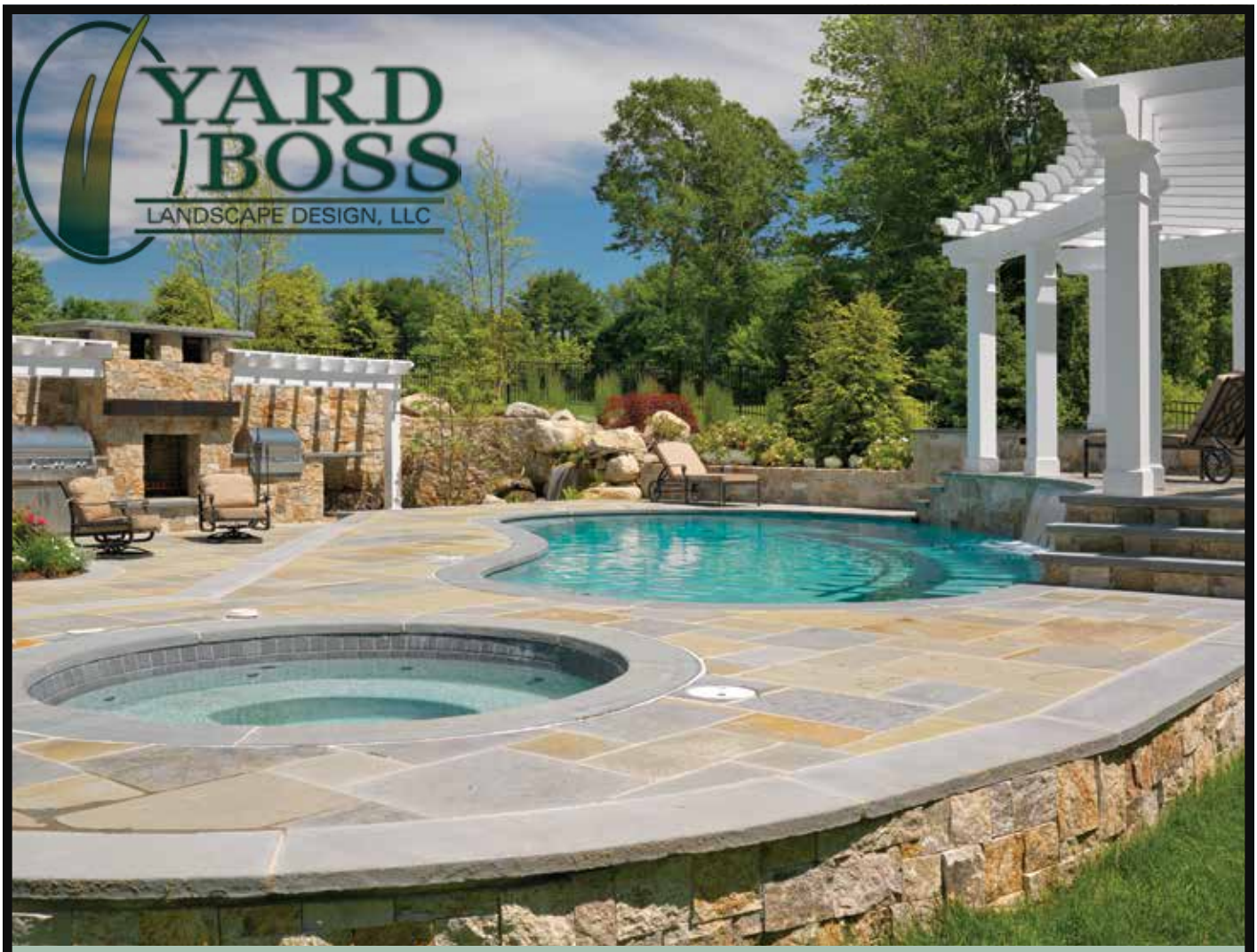
Now we come to Good Friday and the decision made by the School Committee to make it a school day. This would seem to me that it is a step in the wrong direction. Instead of uniting people, you are dividing them. Wouldn't it be a better decision to teach the students to respect another person's views? I feel the School Committee should reverse its decision. A little respect can go a long way in teaching our students to live together in peace and harmony.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Francis Cairns

Dear Editor:

The school committee, with little if any thoughts or discussion, voted to abandon Good Friday which has been observed for years. The public was given no public notice. We are a Christian nation and this day has solemn connections to the faith of our founding fathers and to all Christians. The decision was not thought out but brought up without prior notice to the committee. The Tri-Town families should have a say in this decision as it will affect many students who are being raised with Christian principles. Praying was removed, Christmas has been



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removed, and now Good Friday. Our country's religious freedom is in rapid decline. What is to follow, only the prophets of old are sure to tell.
Sincerely,
Jane Awad, Mattapoisett

Dear Editor:

I wish to call to the attention of not only the Brandt Beach and Leisure Shores communities, but also to the whole town of Mattapoisett, about the changes that the Brandt Point Realty Trust is trying to get in their original agreement for a cluster development on Brandt Island Road. Their attorney, Mr. John Williams, is asking for an amendment to the previous agreement which would allow for a change to three-bedroom homes from two-bedroom homes so that he can better market the sale of this land. In his presentation, he notes that the original plan called for a septic system that could handle 10,000 gallons of water treatment a day and that this would be "improved" with a system that could handle 15,000 gallons a day. I truly question whether or not such a system would ever be placed, and I'm told that some of the people who live south of this development have seen an increase in the ground water flowing through their yards just as a result of the first few houses that have been erected since phase one was initiated. Barry Denham had to demand that the roads that had been put in by the developer were not up to standards and that changes had to be made. If this is any indication of the way this development is going to proceed, then the claims of an "improved" septic system must be looked at with skepticism. A perennial stream runs through Leisure Shores and originates from this land. It's soaking wet back there where phase two is planned.

This whole plan was originally "sold" on the basis that there would be 41 housing units with two bedrooms, eight of which would be three bedroom units. That brings it to a total of 90 bedrooms. With the new "plan" there would be approximately 120 bedrooms. This makes it a significant increase in the number of souls that must be serviced by the town without any increase in revenue to the town. We the citizens and tax payers of Mattapoisett would like to thank the Brandt Point Realty Trust for thrusting this cost upon us. Mr. Williams is quoted as saying that the schools of Mattapoisett are under filled and that "Mattapoisett is a dying town." Thanks again for "filling" our schools without increasing

Tri-Town Police Logs

MARION

Log highlights April 6 –April 12

- Converse Rd – Health/welfare
- Mill St – Suspicious MV
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Spring St – Officer wanted
- Park St – Larceny/past
- Front St – Medical emergency
- Delano Rd – Paper service
- County Rd – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – MV accident
- Spring St – Medical emergency
- Boxberry Way - Fraud
- County Rd – Larceny/past
- Park St – Follow up investigation
- Bullivant Farm Rd – Medical emergency
- Delano Rd – Paper service
- Park St – Follow up investigation
- Spring St – Officer wanted
- Tucker Ln – Medical emergency
- Point Rd - Fraud
- Barnabas Rd – Suspicious MV
- County Rd – Officer wanted
- County Rd – Follow up investigation
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- South St – Lost property
- Wareham Rd - Disturbance
- River Rd – B&E/past

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights April 6 –April 12

- Brant Beach Ave – MV/general
- Industrial Dr – Open door
- Marion Rd – Follow up investigation
- County Rd – Officer wanted
- Martin Ave – Ambulance request
- Angelica Ave - Vandalism
- County Rd – Unwanted person
- Industrial Dr – Follow up investigation
- County Rd – 911 call
- Angelica Ave – Health/welfare
- County Rd – Officer wanted
- Fairhaven Rd – Health/welfare
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – Harassment
- Martin Ave – MV lockout
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – Harassment
- County Rd – 911 call
- Acushnet Rd – 911 call
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Church St – Follow up investigation
- Brant Beach Ave – Fire/brush
- Marion Rd - Disturbance
- Prospect Rd – Summons service
- Massasoit Way - Disturbance
- Marion Rd – 911 abandoned
- Brandt Island Rd – Health/welfare
- Sparrow Hill Rd – Ambulance request
- Acushnet Rd – Health/welfare
- Park St – Officer wanted
- Marion Rd – Suspicious persons

ROCHESTER

Log highlights March 30–April 5

- High St – General service
- Vaughn Hill Rd – Suspicious activity
- Bowens Ln – Firearms violation
- Braley Hill Rd - Trespass
- Pine St – General services
- Negus Way – Illegal dumping
- Pine St – Suspicious activity
- Walnut Plain Rd – Animal control
- Snows Pond Rd – Ambulance request
- Mattapoisett Rd – MV accident
- Hartley Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Dexter Ln – Suspicious activity
- Foss Farm – Suspicious activity
- Hiller Rd – Suspicious MV
- Hathaway Pond Cir – Ambulance
- New Bedford Rd – Suspicious activity
- Hiller Rd – Suspicious activity
- North Ave – Officer wanted
- Bennett Rd – Suspicious activity
- Mattapoisett Rd – MV accident
- Pine St – MV accident
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV accident
- Shadow Farm Ln – 911 abandoned
- Cranberry Hwy – Officer wanted
- Hartley Rd - Investigation
- Cranberry Hwy – Officer wanted
- Gifford Ln – Fire/other
- Negus Way – Suspicious activity
- Marys Pond Rd – Noise complaint

For a full PDF of the three town's police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

our revenues. He should come down to Brandt Beach and see the large number of young children that will be "filling" the schools.

The Planning Board voted to require another full hearing regarding this request for and amendment on the grounds that this is a significant change to the original agreement. I urge all who care for Mattapoisett to attend this hearing and discuss this issue completely.

We are being sold a bill of goods by someone who wants a BAILOUT. This country has seen enough bailouts. The developers made a bad decision and we don't have to "fix it" for them. Just because they didn't plan their venture correctly doesn't mean that we have to "pull them from the financial fire" that they had not seen. We shouldn't have to absorb the costs of a faulty plan just to stuff our schools. The cost in services provided by the town like fire, police and emergency services for this development doesn't balance with the revenues that this development will provide. The runoff of water which will come from this area will have a serious impact on the water quality in the Brandt Island Cove where some of the cleanest water on the south coast of New England lies.

Watch out all you quahogs, oysters, and fish in Brandt Island Cove, the Brandt Point Realty Trust is coming to make Mattapoisett an "undying town."

Sincerely,
Paul E. Osenkowski, Mattapoisett

To the Editor:

I would like to thank *The Wanderer* for its detailed reporting of the Mattapoisett Rail Trail's progress and Town Administrator Michael Gagne for his kind words at Finance Committee meeting regarding the work of Steve Kelleher and myself. Across the state and the country, promoting bike path construction is a time-consuming job; but the ultimate payoff is well worth the effort. Research shows that bike path investments return much more than expected to the communities where they are located. After the Outer Banks in South Carolina invested 6.7 million dollars in bike paths, people began returning to that area specifically for its bike-friendly environment. Now, cyclists annually contribute $60 million to the Outer Banks' economy. In a similar scenario, the state of Oregon attributes $400 million of its tourism industry

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PUBLIC ACCESS
Comcast Channel 9
Verizon Channel 36
Thursday April 17, 2014
8:00 AM – Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:30 AM – The Folklorist
9:00 AM – The Register's Report
9:30 AM – The Childrens's Corner
10:00 AM – Expedition New England
10:30 AM – NASA 360
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
2:00 PM – Sippican Historical Society
3:00 PM - Art.21
3:30 PM - Tomorrow Today
4:00 PM – Senior Scene
4:30 PM - The Fox Robbins Business Show
5:00 PM – Storytellers
6:00 PM – Living Healthy with the Woman in You
6:30 PM – VNA Health Highlights
7:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM – A Culinary Journey
8:00 PM – What's Linda Cooking?
8:30 PM – The Song
9:00 PM – The Beatles with Jim Cushman
10:30 PM – The Chico and B-man Music Show
11:00 PM – Alt Roots TV

Friday April 18, 2014
8:00 AM – Around BCC
8:30 AM – Just Paws
9:00 AM – Senior Scene
9:30 AM – Bioneers by the Bay
10:30 AM – Melissa's Menu
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – Money Talk
2:00 PM – Your Money Your Life
2:30 PM – The Commonwealth Report with Sen. Marc Pacheco
3:00 PM - Explore
3:30 PM - Global 3000
4:00 PM - Deutsche Welle - European Journal
4:30 PM – In Focus
5:00 PM – Buzzards Bay Action Committee
6:00 PM – Upper Cape Tech Presents Careers
6:30 PM - Navigating the Way for Seniors
7:00 PM – Around Town with Buster
7:30 PM – New England Journal
8:00 PM - Around BCC
8:30 PM - The Folklorist
9:00 PM – Link TV
10:00 PM – Legal Ease
10:30 PM – Get Connected
11:00 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
11:30 PM – Future Talk

Saturday April 19, 2014
6:30 AM – Classic Cartoon Festival
8:30 AM – NASA 360
9:00 AM – Just Paws
9:30 PM - The Children's Corner
10:00 AM – Painting Journeys
11:00 AM - I Can Be Me
11:30 AM – What's Linda Cooking
Noon – Storytellers
1:00 PM – Local Sports
2:30 PM – The Garage with Steve Butler
3:00 PM - The Fox Robbins Business Show
3:30 PM – The Folklorist
4:00 PM – Hollywood Make Over
4:30 PM – Money Talk
5:00 PM - Go Fish with Dan Kenney
5:30 PM – Expedition New England
6:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
6:30 PM - What's Linda Cooking
7:00 PM – Tina Cooks
7:30 PM – A Culinary Journey
8:00 PM – The Song
8:30 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
9:00 PM – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM – Europe in Concert

Sunday April 20, 2014
6:30 AM – Words of Peace
7:00 AM – Second Coming Church
8:00 AM – New Testament Church of Cedarville
9:00 AM – Music and the Spoken Word
9:30 AM - First Congregational Church of Rochester
11:00 AM – The Riverside Church of Wareham with Dr. Gomes
11:30 AM – The Register's Report
Noon – Eckanar
12:30 PM - Cape Cod Book Scene
1:00 PM – Physician Focus
1:30 PM - Navigating the Way for Seniors
2:00 PM - Music and the Spoken Word
2:30 PM - First Congregational Church of Rochester
4:00 PM – New Testament Church of Cedarville
5:00 PM - Words of Peace
5:30 PM – The Riverside Church of Wareham with Dr. Gomes
6:00 PM – The Sippican Historical Society
7:00 PM – Bioneers by the Bay
8:00 PM - Buzzards Bay Action Committee
9:00 PM – Marion Museum of Natural History – Birds of Prey
10:00 PM – The National Parks Service Presents

Monday April 21, 2014
8:00 AM – Arts.21
8:30 AM – Your Money Your Life
9:00 AM – The Commonwealth Report with Sen. Marc Pacheco
9:30 AM – The Dr. Is In
10:00 AM – VNA Health Highlights
10:30 AM – Tomorrow and Today
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – Just Paws
2:00 PM – Storytellers
3:00 PM - Explore
3:30 PM – Earth Focus
4:00 PM – European Journal
4:30 PM – Global 3000
5:00 PM - The Register's Report
5:30 PM - Reeling – The Movie Review Show
6:00 PM – Around BCC
6:30 PM – Consumer Affairs
7:00 PM – Expedition New England
7:30 PM – Go Fish
8:30 PM – Sippican Historical Society Presents Dr. Robert Darton
9:30 PM - The Rochester Historical Society
10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:00 PM – The David Pakman Show

Tuesday April 22, 2014
8:00 AM – Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:30 PM – What's Linda Cooking
9:00 AM – Graceful Aging
10:00 AM – The Buzzards Bay Action Committee
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – In the Fight
2:00 PM – The Beatles with Jim Cushman
3:00 PM - Words of Peace
3:30 PM - The Sippican Historical Society
5:00 PM – Physician Focus
5:30 PM - The Commonwealth Report with Sen. Marc Pacheco
6:00 PM – Graceful Aging
6:30 PM – Senior Scene
7:00 PM – Around BCC
7:30 PM – The Language of Business
8:00 PM - Painting Journeys
9:00 PM – Upper Cape Tech Careers
9:30 PM – The Register's Report
10:00 PM – The Dr. Is In
10:30 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
11:00 pm – The National Parks Service Presents

Wednesday April 23, 2014
8:00 AM – Around BCC
8:30 AM – Just Paws
9:30 AM - Hollywood Make Over
10:00 AM – Melissa's Menu
10:30 AM - Living Healthy with the Woman in You
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Bioneers by the Bay
3:00 PM - Sci-Fi Journal
4:00 PM – The David Pakman Show
5:00 PM – Money Talk
5:30 PM – The National Parks Service Presents
6:00 PM – Tomorrow and Today
7:30 PM – In Focus
8:00 PM - The Beatles with Jim Cushman
9:00 PM – The Mass Factor
9:30 PM - New England Journal
10:00 PM – In The Fight
10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:00 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
11:30 PM – Future Talk

MARION GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 39
Daily Schedule
8:00 AM – Latest School Committee Meeting
10:30 AM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
Noon – Latest Marion Conservation Commission
1:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
4:00 PM - Latest School Committee Meeting
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:30 PM - Latest Marion Conservation Commission
10:30 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule
8:00 AM – Latest School Committee Meeting
11:00 AM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:00 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
2:00 PM – Latest Tri-Town Selectmen
4:00 PM - Latest School Committee Meeting
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
7:00 PM - Latest Tri-Town Selectmen
8:30 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting

EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 97
Verizon Channel 37
Daily Schedule
8:00 AM - ORRJHS Obstacle Course 2014
8:15 AM - Inside the ORR School District – School Budgets
9:00 AM – F.O.R.M. Choral Concert 2014
10:00 AM – ORRHS Faculty and Student Basketball Game 2014
11:00 AM - ORRJHS Spelling Bee 2014
11:30 AM - Inside the ORR School District – School Budgets
12:15 PM – F.O.R.M. Choral Concert 2014
1:15 PM – ORRJHS Obstacle Course
2:00 PM - Inside the ORR School District - School to Career
3:00 PM - ORRJHS Obstacle Course 2014
3:30 PM – ORRJHS Spelling Bee 2014
4:00 PM – ORRHS Video Production Student Projects
5:00 PM - F.O.R.M. Choral Concert 2014
6:00 PM – Upper Cape Tech Careers
6:30 PM - ORRHS Faculty and Student Basketball Game 2014
7:30 PM - ORRHS Video Production Student Projects
8:00 PM – ORRJHS Obstacle Course 2014
8:15 PM - ED T.V Highlights 2013
8:30 PM - ORRJHS Spelling Bee 2014
9:00 PM – ORRHS Faculty and Student Basketball Game 2014
10:10 PM - Inside the ORR School District – School Budgets

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to bicycling. These days, our South Coast's economy could use all the help it can get. South Coast can and should be a premier bicycling destination. By supporting the Mattapoisett Rail Trail, residents also support the completion of the South Coast Bikeway and the economic well being of our Town. And upon completion of the trail, residents will experience improved options for exercise, fun, and transportation around town. Please come to the Mattapoisett Town Meeting on Monday, May 12 and support the Mattapoisett Rail Trail.

Sincerely,
Bonne DeSousa
President, Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path

Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program

Monday, April 21: Closed
Tuesday, April 22: Chicken parmesan, penne pasta, Tuscany-blend veggies, multigrain roll, strawberry cup, yogurt cup.
Wednesday, April 23: Tossed salad, vegetarian chili, dirty rice, fruit muffin, mixed fruit.
Thursday, April 24: Roast turkey, gravy, cranberry sauce, whipped potatoes, winter squash, whole wheat roll, apple crisp.
Friday, April 25: Beef steak with peppers and onions on a French sub roll, hash-browned potatoes, zucchini and tomatoes, fresh fruit.

Destination Imagination Global Finals

After winning honors for creativity, teamwork and problem solving in regional and state tournaments, 'Saphistikashun' and 'Unknown Error' have both earned the right to travel to Destination Imagination's Global Finals, the largest creative thinking and problem solving competition in the world, to be held May 21-24 in Knoxville, TN.

Team members for Saphistikashun – representing Massachusetts for "Laugh Art Loud" senior level (sophomores) – are Rikard Bodin, Kyle Rood, Sara Lafrance, Ed Krawczyk, Maddie Meyers, and Will Lynch. The members of Unknown Error – representing Massachusetts for "Laugh Art Loud" Middle School Level (7th and 8th Grade) – are Ben Lafrance, Brett Rood, Michael Stack, Kelsea Kidney, Pat O'Neil, Maggie Farrell and Matthew Carvalho. The Team Managers for both teams are Tina Rood and Kerry Bulman.

Unknown Error and Saphistikashun are among more than 8,000 students representing more than 1,250 teams that will advance to Global Finals. Both teams competed at the Cape Cod Regional Tournament on March 16 and each team received a Renaissance Award for creativity, design and engineering, within their solution. They competed and won at the state tournament held on March 29 at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Destination Imagination is an educational program where student teams are immersed in the creative process needed to solve open-ended challenges, and then present their solutions at regional and state tournaments. Teams choose one of seven, open-ended challenges that require young people to apply science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), in addition to improvisation, theater arts, writing, project management, communication, innovation, teamwork, and community service.

These Tri-Town teams are working together over the next six weeks to raise the money towards the $15,000 it will cost the 13 team members and their managers to compete at Global Finals. They are raising funds online at www.youcaring.com and search ORR Destination Imagination.

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Obituaries:

Eileen A. (Mattos) Murphy-Sabino, 74, of Marion and formerly of Mattapoisett passed away Monday, April 7, 2014, at Tobey Hospital, in Wareham. She was the wife of the late Kenneth J. Murphy and the late Jose "Jack" Sabino.

Born in New Bedford, daughter of the late Antone and Lenore (Casey) Mattos, she grew up in New Bedford and lived in Mattapoisett for 42 years prior to moving to Marion two and a half years ago.

She is survived by four sons, Kenneth J. Murphy, Jr., David A. Murphy and his companion Brenda Cote, Gary M. Murphy and Mark R. Murphy and his companion Kim Richards; seven grandchildren; three brothers, Daniel, Robert and Antone Mattos, Jr.; a sister, Marie Rivers and the late Lenore Correia and several nieces and nephews.

In accordance with her wishes she will be cremated and private arrangements are by the Fairhaven Funeral Home, 117 Main Street, Fairhaven.

Ernest G. Lajeunesse, 89, of Mattapoisett, died Sunday April 13, 2014 at Our Lady's Haven after a brief illness. He was the husband of the late Ann M. (Stone) Lajeunesse.

Born in Acushnet, the son of the late Narcisse and Laura J. (Vallier) Lajeunesse, he lived in New Bedford and Dartmouth before moving to Mattapoisett 38 years ago. He also wintered in Florida for many years.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army with the 101st Airborne Division - "the Screaming Eagles " - in the European Theater, participating in the Battles of the Rhineland, the Ardennes, and Central Europe. He was awarded the Purple Heart, the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Ribbon with bronze service arrowhead, the American Theater Campaign Ribbon, and the Distinguished Unit Badge.

He was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church in Mattapoisett.

After completing his military service, he studied to become a mechanic and eventually became the fleet maintenance supervisor for Gulf Hill Dairy. He later worked for ComElectric where he was the senior purchasing agent until his retirement.

He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans.

His family would like to say thank you to the wonderful people at Our Lady's Haven for their excellent care; to his special friends and neighbors; and to Mason, the young man who helped Ernie with projects with his car and around his house.

Survivors include his son, David E. Lajeunesse and his companion Nancy of Dartmouth; two grandsons, Scott M. Lajeunesse and his wife Beth and their children Zachary, Nathan, Sarah and Brooke, and Brian D. Lajeunesse and his wife Ali and their children Haley, Ben and Jack; and several nieces and nephews.

His Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday in St. Anthony's Church, Mattapoisett. Burial followed in St. Mary's Cemetery. Visiting hours were omitted. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Disabled American Veterans Chapter #9, 755 Pine St., Fall River, MA 02720. For guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Raymond T. Tolley, 92, of Rochester died April 11, 2014 at Sippican Healthcare Center after a brief illness.
He was the husband of Louise H. (Manchester) Tolley.

Born and raised in New Bedford, the son of the late George H. and Lilian (McCartney) Tolley, he lived in Dartmouth and Harwich before retiring to Rochester in 2004.

Mr. Tolley was a member of the North Baptist Church.

He was formerly employed by A&P Grocery Store for many years until his retirement.

Mr. Tolley served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was an avid golfer.

Survivors include his wife; and several nieces and nephews.

He was the brother of the late George Tolley, Jr. and Marion Hanks.

His private Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Milestone section, please contact our office at : 508 758-9055, by fax at 508-758-4845, or by email at office@wanderer.com. Included in the Milestone Section is Birth Announcements, Obituaries, Engagement Notices, Wedding Notices, Anniversaries and Memorials.

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Elks Student of the Month

The Elks of Wareham Lodge No. 1548 sponsors the Elks Student of the Month and Student of the Year Awards for students enrolled in local area high schools. The criteria used in nominating a student includes a student who excels in scholarship, citizenship, performing arts, fine arts, hobbies, athletics, church, school, club and community service, industry and farming.

We congratulate Senior Haakon Perkins from Mattapoisett for being selected by the Old Rochester Regional High School faculty and staff as Student of the Month for April. Haakon is a senior who contributes with enthusiasm to the technology department assisting whenever and wherever needed. He is a very responsible and trustworthy individual and a very personable young man. He is a good role model for ORR.

We congratulate Sophomore Moira Flynn from Rochester for being selected by the Old Rochester Regional High School faculty and staff as Student of the Month for May. Moira is on the Honor Roll in Honors

Movie Review

More is Less

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

***The Raid 2*. Starring Iko Uwais and Arifin Putra. Directed by Gareth Evans. Running time: 150 minutes. MPAA rating: R.**

2011's *The Raid: Redemption,* which delighted fanboys the world over, was a simple siege film with some of the most elaborately brutal martial-arts sequences seen in years. Its writer-director, Gareth Evans, a Welshman working in Indonesia, had envisioned a much bigger and more complex crime drama called *Berandal*; the financing fell through, so he and his star, the young *pencak silat* master Iko Uwais, decided on the more controlled and less expensive story of *The Raid.* Now, on the heels of *The Raid*'s success, Evans has reworked the *Berandal* script as a sequel, putting Uwais' indomitable cop hero Rama undercover to infiltrate a major gang.

Now, part of the pleasure of *The Raid* was that it got in and out in 100 minutes. *The Raid 2* goes on for almost an hour longer. In this case, less is more, even if the extended length allows Evans more opportunities for bone-splintering fight choreography. The fanboys, of course, will rise to the added beef. They don't seem to mind overlength, as witness the success of the Marvel movies, almost all of which come in north of two hours (the latest *Captain America* tips the scales at two hours and sixteen minutes). They might not even mind that a good percentage of the big action numbers don't even involve Rama. He sort of drifts through what's supposed to be his movie, yanked into the fray every so often. I imagine the original drafts of *Berandal* either kept the undercover-cop character largely on the sidelines or didn't have one at all. If he was an important element in those drafts, he really isn't one now.

Ass-kicking females are always popular with the fanboys, perhaps so they can claim that the hyper-masculine entertainment they enjoy isn't sexist. So here we get a character known as "Hammer Girl" (Julie Estelle), whose specialty is killing people with hammer claws. She wears sunglasses and kills with zero perceptible emotion. She never talks (she's deaf). She's cool. She's also not a person. Aside from her, the only women we meet are bimbos in a nightclub and Rama's long-suffering wife, whom Rama calls so that he can hear the sounds of his son at play in the background. His wife has been waiting for him throughout his two-year stint in prison (so that he can get into the good graces of a mob boss's son in jail) and however long his post-prison life among the gangsters takes, and mostly his one phone call to his wife consists of silence so he can listen to his male child. Nope, not sexist at *all*. But hey, we got a girl who kills guys with hammers!

I shouldn't have expected more, though the ecstatic notices in the geek press must've led me on. As a portfolio of martial-arts moves and ferocious carnage that reportedly won an R rating by the skin of its teeth, *The Raid 2* is as chunky and adrenalized as the first one. People are pummeled, slashed, stabbed, shot, and otherwise treated impolitely; one lucky fellow gets a big hole shotgunned into his face. The sound of an aluminum baseball bat connecting with a skull is as viscerally cringe-inducing as it's always been. As with many martial-arts sequences, though, the villains obligingly attack the hero one at a time; only once or twice do we see a group of men ganging up on someone. This sort of thing calls attention to itself as choreography, though I can see that it fills a desperate need among fans of action films, which too often give us computer-generated people fighting. Here, at least, we can see these are real humans risking and taking injury. It's probably no accident that the martial-arts genre rose at about the same time that song-and-dance musicals were dying. People crave physical elegance and they'll take it in action flicks (or in stuff like the *Step Up* series) if they have to.

Acting is not part of the elegance, and Iko Uwais is a conscientious nonactor; there's more going on with Arifin Putra, who plays Uco, the mob boss's ill-tempered and spoiled son, whom Rama must befriend. A smoothie of the type that used to be described as "dashing," Putra brings a charge of decadence and privilege to his scenes. Uco ends up donating blood all over the carpet, along with most everyone else except the unstoppable cipher Rama. Like its predecessor, *The Raid 2* doesn't do anything plotwise that hasn't been done 7,498 times before; its distinction is its feral, pounding fight scenes. Gareth Evans films them well. But his movies feel more like demo reels than like, you know, movies, much less cinema. He's being praised for action you can actually see, follow and get excited by, and for telling tried-and-true stories; in other words, he's being praised for being competent.

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classes. Moira assists students of all grade levels in the Guidance Office. She is very thoughtful and giving of her time. Moira was working on her History Research paper and was assisting others in writing math, photocopying and senior projects. She would be a great asset to the ORR community.

Maconchu Club

The Maconchu Club of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church will meet at 7:00 pm on Saturday **April 26** instead of their regular meeting night due to Easter. The speaker for the evening will be Thomas Shire who has a very varied background and who will speak to us about having owned a number of theaters including the State Theater in New Bedford, now known by its original name, the Zeiterion.

As always, all are welcome to join us for the program and for coffee and refreshments following.

Congregational Church Rummage Sale

On Saturday, **May 3** from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church Parish Hall, 27 Church Street, there will be plenty of men's, women's and children's clothing and domestic goods for sale at bargain prices. And don't miss "The Boutique Booth."

In addition, there will be White Elephant Tables filled with a large variety of items, including books. Questions? Call 508-758-3744. Donations may be left in the Parish Hall beginning April 21.

TriTown Happenings

(left) The TriTown Destination Imagination teams with Managers, family and friends after winning at the State Tournament March 29. Photo courtesy Tina Rood

On April 12, families gathered at Ned's Point to celebrate Easter early with a traditional Easter egg hunt, sponsored by the Mattapoisett Lions Club. Photos by Jean Perry

Announces the opening of an exhibition of photographs by Ronald Wisner and Corinna Raznikov. A reception honoring the photographers will be held on Friday, April 25 at the Marion Art Center from 6pm to 8pm. Both the Cecil Clark Davis Gallery and the Patsy Francis Gallery will be filled with their photographs featuring Corinna's whimsical portraits and Ron's landscapes from around the world and in our own backyard. The show will run until May 31st. (left) josephine and binoculars by Corinna Raznikov. (above)Santorini Crosses by Ronald Wisner

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

Plumb Corner Easter

Come celebrate Easter at Plumb Corner Mall, 565 Rounseville Road, Rochester on Saturday, **April 19**. The event starts at 10:00 am with bag decorating at Countryside Child Care Center and the Hair & Body Solution. The Easter Egg Hunt starts at 10:30 am, and there will be cookie decorating at Rockland Trust, face painting with the Junior Friends of Plumb Library, and a guest appearance by the Bulldogs mascot, as well as a raffle for a gift card to Toys R Us. Hope to see you there!

Rochester Earth Day Cleanup

The Rochester Women's Club is again sponsoring a Town-wide cleanup event to celebrate Earth Day.

Please come to our clubhouse at 37 Marion Road, Rochester to pick up trash collection bags and gloves on Saturday **April 26** from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Pick up trash along the roadside in your neighborhood and leave the filled bags along the roadside to be picked up by the Rochester DPW. Let's give the town a good Spring Cleaning!

In conjunction with this event, The Rochester Land Trust will be collecting old electronic items (also at 37 Marion Road from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm). Among the accepted items will be computers, monitors, appliances, and TVs. If it has an engine, motor, or can be plugged in, it's electronic trash and can be dropped off. A fee will be charged for certain items. Call Norene at 508-763-3628 for more details on this collection.

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TriTown Happenings

Investigating what makes a healthy soil during the Marion Natural History Museum's "Composting" afterschool program. The students took a look at some of the animals that help to break down compost and built a mini-composter to bring home. Photo courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold

Marion Troop 32 at the Southwest Marker of Camp Yawgoog in Rockville, RI at the Connecticut boarder. From Left to right is Chris Horton, Zachary Pateakos, Jack Nakashian, Jackson St. Don and Scoutmaster Paul St. Don. Camp Yawgoog is a 1,800-acre reservation for Scouting operated by the Narragansett Council of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Founded in 1916, Yawgoog is the fourth oldest continuously run Scout camp in the United States. It runs an eight-week summer camping program every summer where Scouts can stay for a week. The Reservation is divided into three camps: Three Point, Medicine Bow, and Sandy Beach. During the so-called off-season troops can request to stay at the hike-in sites as Troop 32 did last weekend from Friday until Sunday. While there, all performed a five-mile hike with full backpacks to the southwest corner of the reservation. Photo Courtesy Robert H. Nakashian

Members of ORR's AFS club traveled to Arcola, Illinois for a short-term exchange last week. Pictured here are ORR students and their host students outside the Arcola High School. Photo by Rhonda Reints.

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

Marion Natural History Museum Earth Day Event

The Marion Natural History Museum is having an Earth Day event on **April 19** from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. The event is free, light refreshments will be served, and there will be crafts for the kids. Come celebrate the Museum's reopening by visiting the museum, enjoying the displays and working on some crafts. We will also have a volunteer sign up sheet for those willing to help the museum with a few of the remaining tasks. Hope you will join us.

ORRJHS Students of the Month

Kevin T. Brogioli, Principal of Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, announces the following Students of the Month for March 2014:

- Red Team: Megan Guaraldo and Logan King
- Blue Team: Vanessa Ortega and Joseph Robinson
- Orange Team: Ainslee Bangs and Tyler Menard
- Green Team: Allison Kvilhaug and Benjamin Lafrance
- Special Areas: Julia Cabral and Samuel Austin

Dwayne Cameron Mathematics Scholarship

Applications for the Dwayne Cameron Annual Mathematics Scholarship Award are being accepted for qualified applicants at Old Rochester Regional High School in Mattapoisett.

In October 1989, Richard I. Arthur, President and CEO of Sippican, Inc., established this annual scholarship to honor Dwayne Cameron on his recognition as Mathematics Teacher of the Year. Mr. Cameron was chosen as the 1989 Presidential Awardee for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by the National Science Foundation. This award is given annually to the student most deserving of such an honor, to be based upon the criteria set by Mr. Cameron and Old Rochester Regional High School. Lockheed Martin Sippican has continued to sponsor this $1000 scholarship after the retirement of Mr. Arthur. After Mr. Cameron's passing in 2007, the award was increased to $1500 thanks to generous contributions from his friends, former students, and colleagues.

Seniors and alumni of ORRHS, who are currently enrolled as full-time students in graduate school or a four-year college or university, are eligible for this $1500 scholarship and are encouraged to apply. Please request an application from the Guidance Department of ORRHS. The deadline for applications this year is **May 19**.

Marion Candidates' Night

The Tri-Town League of Women Voters will hold a Candidates' Night in what promises to be an energetic discussion of local issues in three contested races in Marion. It is scheduled for Wednesday evening, **April 30**, at 7:00 pm in the Music Hall, 164 Front Street, Marion.

There are six elective positions that must be filled. For the Select Board, challenger William Dale Jones will face incumbent Steve Cushing. The Planning Board has three open positions with four candidates on the ballot: Eileen Marum, Michael Popitz, and Robert Lane will challenge incumbent Ted North. The Marion School Committee has two open positions: Michele Ouellette and Christine Winters are running again for another three-year term, and they are challenged by newcomer Kate Houdelette.

Eight positions are unopposed: Ray Pickles for Town Clerk; Catherine Gibbs for the Assessor; David Titus

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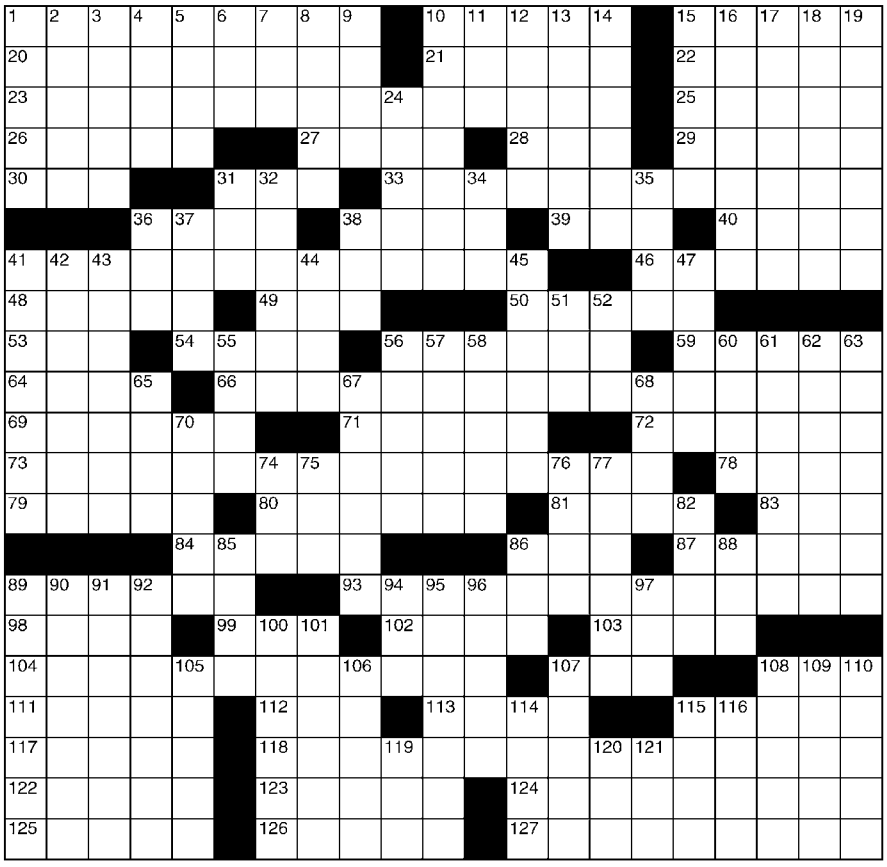
10 At the apex
15 Family of the 27th U.S. president
20 In a harshly insulting way, say
21 Opening installment of a series
22 Nebraska's most populous city
23 Arrangement of a troop in war
25 Football great Grier
26 Have — (dine)
27 Celtic speaker
28 Cock-a- — (hybrid dog)
29 Rations (out)
30 Young guy
31 "— all good!"
33 It might be repaired in a hangar
36 Fey of "30 Rock"
38 Hollywood's Hathaway
39 — out an existence
40 "Come Back, Little Sheba" playwright William
41 Puck-pushing squad
46 Roast VIPs
48 "Just — you know ..."
49 Prior to
50 Prefix with marathon
53 Everything
54 Re
56 White-as-a-ghost look
59 Granters of three wishes
64 Molokai necklaces
66 It may have a helipad on its roof
69 Foist (upon)
71 — nous (between us)
72 Vitamin B3
73 Café or bistro, often
78 "Take — your leader"
79 Short line holding a fishhook
80 "The Bronze Bow" author Elizabeth George —
81 Appear on the horizon
83 Fish with bobbing bait
84 Occupy, as a table
86 Vegas action
87 Set — (aspire to something)
89 Ziti and rotini
93 Bird on a dollar bill
98 Maui, e.g.
99 Bleating female
102 Little — ("Hairspray" girl)
103 Throw out
104 Place for Broadway performers
107 Perch in church
108 Experiment site
111 Terre —, Indiana
112 Cry in Köln
113 Out there
115 Met offering
117 Prefix with venous
118 Theme of this puzzle
122 Upper sky
123 Old skating star Sonja
124 Phrase on an invoice
125 Climbs
126 Pledge
127 Events for bargain hunters

DOWN
1 Plotting band
2 He defeated McCain
3 Toned down
4 This, to José
5 Pervade
6 "— got your number"
7 Match arbiter
8 Walks through mud
9 Fashionable Banks
10 Iridescent
11 Rebellion figure Turner
12 Linda in 1998 news
13 Peter of "Becket"
14 Tree with small acorns
15 Singer Mel
16 Like some single-celled organisms
17 Dirty trick
18 Risky thing to live on
19 Gives assent
24 Signified
31 Mag for an entrepreneur
32 Become fond of
34 Stephen of "Blackthorn"
35 — -do-well
36 Much-used article
37 Sorority letter
38 "For" vote
41 Stressful type?
42 Big name in camping gear
43 Oval
44 Greek god of love
45 Person cogitating
47 Bruno — (shoe brand)
51 Arcing throw
52 Capote, to his friends
55 Silverstein of kid-lit
56 1492 vessel
57 Flower-petal perfume
58 Western film actor Lash
60 Mild Dutch cheese
61 "Good boy, Rover"
62 Primary
63 Dishonorable
65 Spirit
67 Pre-euro Spanish coin
68 See 105-Down
70 Dip for chips
74 Q-U string
75 Green org.
76 Baldwin of "30 Rock"
77 Write music
82 Ginnie and Fannie
85 "So it is"
86 "That's show —!"
88 Ozone, e.g.
89 More meaty
90 1979 Caine/Ustinov film
91 Private eyes
92 Tall myrtle-family shrub
94 "Mamma —!"
95 Employee hirer, e.g.
96 Atoll features
97 This instant
100 Furies
101 Avoid
105 With 68-Down, really yells at
106 "To — own self be true"
107 — ballerina
108 Netman Ivan
109 Have a spat
110 GIs' places
114 Absent
115 Possesses
116 Gyro bread
119 Actress Long
120 Craggy peak
121 Certain cabinet dept.



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Professional relationships grow stronger. But you might still need to ease some problems with someone in your personal life. One way could be to try to be less rigid in your views.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You might be too close to that perplexing personal situation to even attempt to make a rational decision about it right now. Stepping back could help you gain a wider perspective.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Being asked to choose between the positions of two friends is an unfair imposition on you. It's best to reject the "demands" and insist they try harder to work things out on their own.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A change of mind about a workplace decision might be called for once you hear more arguments, pro and con. A personal event suddenly takes an unexpected (but pleasant!) turn.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Romance once again looms large for single Leos and Leonas, with Cupid favoring Taurus and Libra to inspire those warm and fuzzy Leonine feelings. Expect another workplace change.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A surprise gift -- and, happily, with no strings attached -- could come just when you need it to avoid a delay in getting your project done. Expect education to dominate the week.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Someone close to you might ask for your support as she or he faces a demanding personal challenge. Offer it, by all means. But be careful you don't neglect your own needs at this time.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An unexpected development could put your relationship with a partner or spouse to an emotionally demanding test. But your determination to get to the truth should save the day.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A recent agreement appears to be coming apart over the surfacing of unexpected complications. You might need to have expert advice on how to resolve the situation.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your keen business sense helps you get to the truth about a suspicious business deal. Expect to have many colleagues rally to support your efforts in this important matter.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Someone who once moved in and out of your life through the years might now want to come back in on a more permanent basis. Give yourself a lot of time to weigh your decision.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Showing frustration over a delayed workplace decision might get someone's attention, but not necessarily make him or her move any sooner. Best advice would be to be patient and wait it out.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are drawn to excitement and enjoy fast-tempo music, with the more brass, the better.

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for Town Moderator; Elizabeth Dunn for the Board of Health; Paul Goulet for ORR School Committee; Joseph Keogh and Jeffrey Oakes for two positions on the Open Space Acquisition Commission; and no one has filed to run for the position of Tree Warden being vacated by Tim Crowley.

Citizens of Marion are strongly urged to attend Candidates' Night to become familiar with these candidates running for town offices. Last year, only 10 per cent of Marion's registered voters decided the outcome of the election. If you care about the leadership of this town, please attend Candidates' Night and be sure to cast your vote on May 16.

For further information, please contact Nan Johnson at 508-748-0046 or Tinker Saltonstall at 508-748-0160.

The Dixie Diehards at the MAC

Hold onto your hats, The Dixie Diehards are back in town and the joint will be jumpin' at the corner of Main and Pleasant Street (80 Pleasant Street) in Marion, MA 02738! The Dixie Diehards Jazz Band will be making its ninth appearance at the Marion Art Center on Saturday, **May 10** with a concert entitled "The Evolution of Jazz!" This concert will trace the evolution of jazz from Ragtime at the turn of the century, through the Blues, Street Marches, Dixieland, Charleston, to the sophisticated swing of the early 1940s. The Diehards will conclude with some Tin Pan Alley notables. The show starts at 7:30 pm. Doors will open at 7:00 pm.

To make a reservation – highly recommended as the Dixie Diehards always sell out! – please email marionartcenter@verizon.net. In the subject line of the email, please write "Dixie Diehard Tickets." In the body of the email include your last name, MAC membership status, a telephone number for confirmation and number of tickets needed. Tickets are $12.50 for MAC members and $15 for non-members.

You can also call 508-748-1266 and leave a voice message that includes last name, MAC membership status, telephone number for confirmation, and how many tickets needed. The theater will be set up with cabaret tables to accommodate reserved parties of four, and guests are invited to bring their own refreshments.

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MAC Exhibition of Photography

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Corinna Raznikov's photography has been featured in numerous galleries and museums in group and one-woman shows from Scotland to San Francisco and is regularly published in national and regional magazines.

She received her B.A. in Art and English from the University of the Pacific, where she concentrated her studies on the portrait in photography. Corinna furthered her training by studying the history of photography at the University of Glasgow, Scotland and the aesthetics of photography at Harvard University.

After completing her degree, Corinna taught photography at the University of the Pacific, and continues to teach in her field as a highly-regarded instructor.

Along with her commercial work as a wedding photographer, Corinna continues exhibiting her artwork

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NOTICE OF PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
RELATIVE TO PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING BY-LAWS

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, the Planning Board of the Town of Mattapoisett will hold a Public Hearing to discuss a proposed amendment to the town's Zoning By-Laws. The Public Hearing will be held as follows: Place: Mattapoisett Town Hall/ First Floor Conference Room, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett-MA. Date: Wednesday of April 30th, 2014 at 7:00pm. The subject matter of the proposed amendment is indicated below. The complete text relative to the proposed amendment is available for inspection during regular business hours at the following place(s). Mattapoisett Town Hall available in Town Clerks Office, Monday through Friday 8:00am-4:00pm. Mattapoisett Town Hall available in office of the Planning Board, Monday, Wednesday & Fridays 8:00am-1:00pm

(Note: the above information is strictly required by the G.L.c.40A, S5)

Proposed revisions:

3.3 **PARKING**

3.3.1 ***DEFINITION:***

A "parking space" is an open or enclosed space of at least ***eight (8)*** feet wide by ***eighteen (18)*** feet long exclusive of drives and maneuvering space, located on the lot it serves and with direct access either to a street or to a driveway leading to a street, ***unless otherwise defined in this section.***

3.3.2 ***GENERAL PARKING LOADING REGULATIONS:***
In all districts where the use is allowed, off street parking shall be provided as follows:

Retail sales outlets	***1*** Space for each ***200*** feet of gross floor area
Restaurants or clubs	1 Space for every two (2) seats, or 1 space for each 25 square feet of public floor area, whichever is greater.
Theatres, Churches or Places of Public Assembly	1 space for every four (4) seats or 50 square feet of gross floor area, whichever is greater.
Professional Office/Banks	1 space for each 200 square feet of floor area
Hotels, Motels ***or Inns***	1 space for each sleeping room, plus 1 space for every two (2) employees
Barber shop/Beauty Parlor	3 spaces for each operator
Health Spas	1 space for each 50 feet of gross floor area
Bowling Alley/Tennis Courts	4 spaces for each Court
Funeral Homes	1 space for each 100 square feet or gross floor area.
BOATYARD/MARINA	***1 space for every 5000 square feet of indoor and outdoor area devoted to display, sales service and storage and 1 space for every two boat slips.***
HOME OCCUPATION	***1 Space per room used for office, plus 1 space per non-resident employee (in addition to residential requirement)***

Reduction of Parking Requirement by Special Permit, Notwithstanding the provisions contained in section 3.3, the Mattapoisett Planning Board, may by Special Permit, reduce the number of parking spaces required of non-residential uses upon determination that the intended use of the premises can be adequately served by fewer spaces. The Planning Board may consider on street parking available near the premises as a factor in marking this determination

In parking areas with more than Five (5) spaces, individual spaces shall be delineated by painted lines, wheel stops or other means if identification.

3.3.3 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

3.3.3.1 ***All new construction shall provide 1 space for each bedroom, plus one guest space. This section may be waived by Planning Board for any Special residential subdivision.***

3.3.3.2 No lot shall have more than one (1) unregistered ***motor vehicle,*** un-garaged at any time, unless authorized by a Special Permit***, from the Special Permit Granting Authority, pursuant to Section 7.2.2 of this Zoning Bylaw.***

No unregistered motor vehicle or unsightly car or truck may be stored in Front Yard***, which shall mean a plane across the front of the dwelling between said plane and the street line.***
(This section shall not apply to Rural Residential Zones)

3.3.3.2.1 ***Rural Residential***
No lot shall have more than four (4) unregistered motor vehicle, un-garaged at any time, unless authorized by a Special Permit, from the Special Permit Granting Authority, pursuant to Section 7.2.2 of this Zoning Bylaw.

No unregistered motor vehicle or unsightly car or truck may be stored in Front Yard***, which shall mean a plane across the front of the dwelling between said plane and the street line. All vehicles shall be screened from view from roadway.***

3.3.3.3 No trailer trucks, or units thereof, construction equipment, buses and vehicles of more than one ton shall be parked between the rear plane of the principal structure on the lot, and the street line, unless completely screened from view; this section shall not apply to boats, boat trailers, loaded or unloaded or recreational vehicles.

3.3.4 ***BUSINESS DISTRICTS (including Village Business District):***

3.3.4.1 Parking facilities off the street right-of-way shall be provided on the same lot as the building for each use within the district. All off street parking shall be designed to prevent the necessity of any vehicle having to back onto ***the street right-of-way.***

3.3.4.2 There shall be no parking within five (5) feet of the layout line of a ***street, way or right-of-way*** from which an entrance or exit is provided to or from a business property. There shall be no planting or placing of any objects or structures within the above area which will obstruct the view of vehicles entering or exiting the business property.

3.3.4.3 Each off street parking space shall be served by a two-way maneuvering lane at least ***twenty-four (24)*** feet wide, except that if the parking spaces are angled at sixty (60) degrees or less, a one way maneuvering lane may be used with a minimum width of twenty-two (22) feet. Driveways serving parking areas shall have a minimum width of ***twelve (12)*** feet per travel lane.

3.3.4.4 ***LOADING: The number of spaces for each proposed use shall be determined by the Inspector of Buildings based on chart contained in 3.3.2***

3.3.4.5 Any parking area serving more than five (5) vehicles must provide the following sized parking spaces in a fifty –fifty combination over the initial five spaces. Fifty (50%)at eight (8) feet wide by eighteen (18) feet long and Fifty (50%) percent at ten (10) feet wide by Twenty (20) feet Long. Said Section may be waived or modified by Planning Board during Site Plan Review.

3.3.4.6 ***Setback: All parking areas must be set back from property lines by five (5) feet.***

3.3.4.7 ***Screening: All parking areas must be screened from abutting Residential Zones with either man made or natural screening which is not of deciduous in character.***

3.3.5 ***Industrial Districts/Uses***

3.3.5.1 Loading: One (1) parking space shall be provided for each two employees and five (5) additional spaces for each industrial unit.

3.3.5.2 No parking shall be permitted thirty-five (35) feet of any street or way or within five (5) feet of any rear or sideline. Entrances/Exits There shall be no planting or placing of any objects or structures within the above area which will obstruct the view of vehicles entering or exiting the business property. (This Section may be waived or modified by the Planning Board during Site Plan review)

3.3.5.3 Parking located in the front of any building shall be limited to customers, visitors and /or employees. This bylaw shall not permit any shipping, receiving or storage of any materials in the parking/driveway area in the front plane of any building.

3.3.5.4 Parking facilities off the street right-of-way shall be provided on the same lot as the building for each use within the district. All off street parking shall be designed to prevent the necessity of any vehicle having to back onto the street right-of-way.

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SECTION 3.4 SCREENING

INTENT AND PURPOSE

Screening provides a means of concealing excessive equipment. Equipment may be defined as automobiles, boats, materials, tools, and any other non-garaged items being stored. Screenings will be provided by business to residential.

Screening is used to provide protection to abutters from such nuisances as noise, fumes, headlight glare, dust and increased water runoff from land and/or impervious surfaces.

Storage and loading areas shall be screened from view by a tight fence and/or dense plantings which will be well maintained. The screenings will not compromise pedestrian and/or traffic safety.

3.4.1 The above provisions shall not prevent the display of goods, where sales are permitted under this By-Law, at the front or sides of the principal building.

3.5 **Signs.**

3.5.1 Intent and Purpose

Signs perform important functions that are essential for public safety and general welfare, including communicating messages, providing information about goods and services, and orienting and directing people. It is further recognized that because of potential detrimental impacts, signs must be regulated to:

a) Prevent hazards to vehicular and pedestrian traffic safety by controlling the number, location, and placement of signs;

b) Provide easy recognition and legibility of permitted signs and promote visual order without distracting elements;

c) Complement the historic and scenic character of the Town of Mattapoisett; and

d) Support business and community vitality through informing the public of available goods, services, and activities.

3.5.2 Application and Procedure

Application for a sign permit shall be made to the Inspector of Buildings

3.5.3 Signs in All Districts

3.5.3.1 One Identifying sign may be placed on a wall facing a street. All free standing Identifying signs ~~All signs~~ shall be ***set back at least 8 feet*** ~~be erected~~ so as not to ~~be in conflict with the last sentence of section 3.3.4.3~~ ***obstruct the view of vehicles entering or leaving the property.***

3.5.3.2 In all districts no exterior, or interior signs with an exterior effect, of the neon, flashing, moving, portable or mobile type are permitted. ~~This section shall not prohibit signs relating to construction or improvements to the premises provided said signs are removed immediately upon completion of the work.~~ ***Internal illumination of signs is not permitted.*** The illumination shall be derived from not more than one (1) 60 watt incandescent bulb or equivalent per side, suitably concealed by a reflecting shield to direct the illumination primarily on the sign surface.

3.5.3.3 Directional signs necessary to give clear direction to a parking lot or building entrance on the premises are permitted. Such signs shall not exceed three (3) feet in any dimension nor more than four (4) feet high on a pole or pylon unless placed on a permitted wall or building. The location of directional signs shall be determined during the Site Plan Review process.

~~***3.5.3.4 Roof signs of any type, in any district, are prohibited. A sign or symbol attached to a building shall not project above the building wall to which it is attached, and shall not obscure any part of the roof of the building.***~~

3.5.3.5 One (1) sign for temporary use at the site of real estate development ***or a construction site*** of not more than forty-eight (48) square feet per side shall be permitted. Such sign shall be removed on completion of the development.

3.5.4 In all districts the ***Planning Board*** ~~Board of Selectmen~~ may grant a Special Permit for the erection of any off premises sign for advertising.

3.5.5 **In Residential Districts**

3.5.5.1 One (1) sign of not more than three (3) square feet of surface per side pertaining to a permitted accessory use shall be permitted.

3.5.5.2 One (1) sign of not more than four (4) square feet of surface per side, pertaining only to lease or sale of the premises shall be permitted.

3.5.5.3 ***Two identification signs are permitted on each building for places of worship and institutions, one not exceeding twenty (20) square feet in area and one not exceeding ten (10) square feet in area.***

3.5.5.4 Roof signs are prohibited in Residential Districts

3.5.6 In Business Districts

3.5.6.1 Sign Area

A business may have sign area not to exceed forty eight (48) square feet placed on the building wall. Free standing signs shall not exceed forty eight (48) square feet. For a building with multiple businesses, a business directory shall not exceed forty eight (48) square feet. Any sign proposal that exceeds the permitted maximum shall require a Special Permit from the Planning Board. ~~***For wall signs five (5) percent of the building façade shall determine maximum permitted sign area. The dimensions used in calculating this percentage shall be the horizontal measure of the frontage of the business and the vertical measure not exceeding the top of the second story of a building.***~~

3.5.6.2 Pole signs shall not exceed twenty (20) feet above ground level.

Publication Dates: 04/10/14, 04/17/14, 04/24/14

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 30th, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Conference Room, located at 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA, on a proposed amendment to the Mattapoisett Zoning Bylaws. The amendment would amend Article 8 of the Zoning Bylaws, "Regulation of Flood Hazard Areas," by deleting Sections 8.2.1 and 8.2.2 in their entirety and substituting in place thereof the following new Sections 8.2.1 and 8.2.2:

"8.2.1: "The Floodplain District is herein established as an Overlay District. The District includes all special flood hazard areas within the Town of Mattapoisett designated as Zone A, AE, or VE on the Plymouth County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. The map panels of the Plymouth County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Mattapoisett are panel number 25023C0553J, 25023C0554J, 25023C0558J, 25023C0561J, 25023C0562J, 25023C0563J, 25023C0564J, 25023C0566J, 25023C0567J, 25023C0568J, 25023C0569J, 25023C0627J, and 25023C0650J with an Effective Date of July 17, 2012, and panel numbers 25023C0564K, 25023C0567K, and 25023C0568K with an Effective Date of February 5, 2014. The exact boundaries of the District may be defined by the 100-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM Maps and further defined by the Plymouth County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Report with an Effective Date of July 17, 2012. The FIRM and FIS Report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Town Clerk, Planning Board, Building Official, Conservation Commission, and the Board of Selectmen's Office

8.2.2: Within the Floodplain District, the underlying permitted uses are allowed, provided they meet the following additional requirements, as well as those of the Massachusetts State Building Code dealing with construction in flood plains and coastal high hazard areas."

The amendment would further amend Article 8 by deleting the first sentence of Section 8.2.3.

The complete text and maps relative to the proposed amendment are available for inspection during regular business hours at the Planning Board office and the Building Department, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA. 4/10, 4/17, 4/24

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENCY UNION NO. 55
Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester, Massachusetts

SPECIAL EDUCATION - NOTIFICATION OF CHILD FIND PROCEDURES

It is the responsibility of the Old Rochester Regional and Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester School Districts to identify any child who is a resident of the town, or who attends a private school within the district, for suspected disability in relation to special education eligibility (Individual with Disabilities Education Improvement Act or 603 CMR 28 Massachusetts Special Education Regulations).

The Old Rochester Regional and Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester School Districts are committed to locating children aged 3 through 21 who have disabilities which prevent them from making progress in school. The Old Rochester Regional School District provides a full continuum of special education services. Parents or public school professionals may refer a child for evaluation for special education eligibility if regular education interventions are not successful. Preschool screenings are available four times per year in the elementary schools in the Tri-Town area – look in local papers or call your elementary school for dates and times.

If you believe your child aged 3-21 should be evaluated to determine eligibility for special education services, please make your request to the principal of your neighborhood school. Please include your child's name, address, telephone number, date of birth, and a brief description of concerns. A directory is provided below:

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17 Barstow Street
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Old Rochester Regional Junior High School
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Grade 7 & 8
133 Marion Road
Mattapoisett, MA 02739

Old Rochester Regional High School
Michael Parker, Assistant Principal
Grades 9 through 12
135 Marion Road
Mattapoisett, MA 02739

Our Director of Student Services and our principals are available to answer questions, and we invite your comments about special education in any of our schools. Any parents or members of the community who would like to have input into our planning for special education should call the Director of Student Services at 508-758-2772 x1942, or should plan to attend a meeting of the Special Education Parent Advisory Council. Additionally, the Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, and Old Rochester Regional School Districts have openings for chairpersons. Please contact the Director of Student Services at the above listing if you are interested in serving on or chairing your town's Parent Advisory Council.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these laws and how they affect your children, please do not hesitate to contact your local principal or the Student Services Office. Anyone may obtain copies of special education laws and regulations from the Department of Education, 75 Pleasant Street, Malden, MA 02148-4906.

For further information about student services, go to http://www.oldrochester.org and click on "Special Education." 4/17

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MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENCY UNION NO. 55
Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester, Massachusetts
NONDISCRIMINATION NOTICE

The Old Rochester Regional School District and the Massachusetts School Superintendency Union No. 55, Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester, Massachusetts, are committed to equal employment and educational opportunity for all members of the school community. Students and employees are protected from discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, sexual orientation, homelessness, or disability in admission to, access to, treatment in, or employment in its programs and activities.

The schools are also committed to maintaining a school and work environment that is free of harassment based on race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, sexual orientation, homelessness, or disability. Harassment includes physical or verbal conduct that is derogatory; this may include jokes, gestures, unsolicited remarks, or other behavior that creates an intimidating or offensive working or learning environment.

A student or employee who has a concern about discrimination or harassment should inform the principal or the Superintendent, who will take appropriate steps to attempt to resolve the situation, such as discussion with involved persons, identifying and questioning of witnesses, and other appropriate steps. In most cases, a resolution will be achieved. However, if it is determined that a hearing is warranted, a hearing will be held before the Superintendent of Schools or a person that he or she may designate.

The goals of the above grievance procedures are to resolve complaints in a fair and timely manner and to ensure compliance with non-discriminatory practices. Additionally, reprisals or retaliation against any individual who reports on, or files a discrimination or harassment complaint is strictly prohibited.

If you wish to discuss your rights, would like further information, or want to obtain help in filing a complaint, you may contact Douglas R. White. The telephone number is (508) 758-2772. Any person having inquiries concerning the School District's compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, Section 504, ADA, or Chapter 622 is directed to contact Douglas R. White, who has been designated by the School District to coordinate the District's efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, Section 504, ADA, and Chapter 622, or write to:

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Amended June 26, 1995 4/17

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and volunteering her photography services in many capacities. Her recent project "Vocabulary Day" is an ambitious six-year project where she is photographing more than 500 children dressed as definitions in Sippican's "Living Dictionary" to raise awareness for literacy as well as funds for Sippican School's Etta Hicks-Allen Library.

Her work has been described as "mysteriously revealing of the spirit of her subjects." She has received numerous awards and acclaim for her images that capture the natural beauty of her subjects. She lives in Marion, MA with her husband, daughter Josephine, Jezebel the cat and Stella the dog. They all love art and sailing.

Ronald Wisner is the former CEO and founder of the Wisner Company, which manufactured and sold photographic devices world-wide for over two decades through 2004. He has taught, lectured and published on the subject of photography extensively, holds several U.S. photographic device patents, and was the official OEM manufacturer of the Polaroid 20x24 instant camera, which he installed in key major cities in Europe and Asia in partnership with Polaroid Corporation. Ron Wisner is primarily a landscape photographer and photographs internationally.

Electronics Recycling Event

Are you tired of looking at that old computer, television, or appliance that no longer works, but is gathering dust in your basement or garage? Bring your item(s) to the Rochester Town Hall Annex parking lot on Saturday, **April 26**, where the Rochester Land Trust will join with CRT Recycling of Brocton to collect electronic items and appliances for recycling. CRT will then haul these items to their Brockton facility for sorting for reuse or to be broken down for appropriate recycling of the components. Whichever the outcome, less solid waste will end up in our landfills. Visit http://www.recyclingelectronics.com/ for information on CRT. Also, on that Saturday, we partnered with the Women's Club for the annual roadside trash pickup. Once you drop off your electronics, get gloves and yellow trash bags, select a road, and pick up roadside trash that has accumulated all year.

The following items will be accepted: CRTs

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall on the Request for A Determination submitted by Helen M. Eldridge, 114 Acushnet Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

The proposed project is to repair septic system for existing house. Work to be done within buffer zone of intermittent stream and bordering wetlands. The project is located at 114 Acushnet Road, and is further identified as Lot 47 on Assessor Map 18. 4/17

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
ROCHESTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Chapter 76, Section 12B of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified that there will be a PUBLIC HEARING of the Rochester School Committee regarding school choice for the 2014-2015 school year at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, May 1, 2014, at Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, Massachusetts. 4/17, 4/24

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
MARION SCHOOL COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Chapter 76, Section 12B of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified that there will be a PUBLIC HEARING of the Marion School Committee regarding school choice for the 2014-2015 school year at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, May 7, 2014, Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, Marion, Massachusetts. 4/17, 4/24

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
LEGAL NOTICE

The Rochester Board of Selectmen will conduct a public hearing on April 28, 2014, 7:15 pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall, One Constitution Way, regarding Matt's Blackboard, Inc., 565 Rounseville Road, Matthew P Gurney manager, who is seeking permission to alter the premises for a total of 2,900 square feet. Rochester Board of Selectmen 4/10, 4/17

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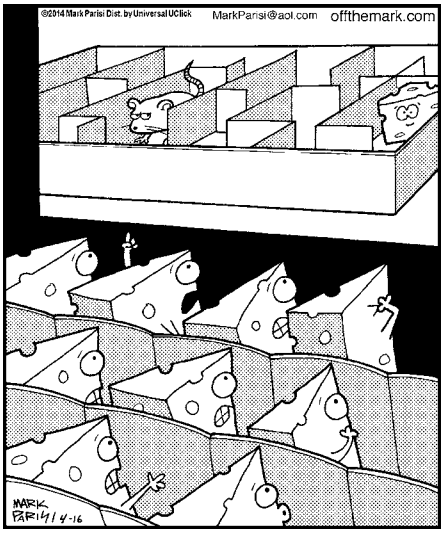

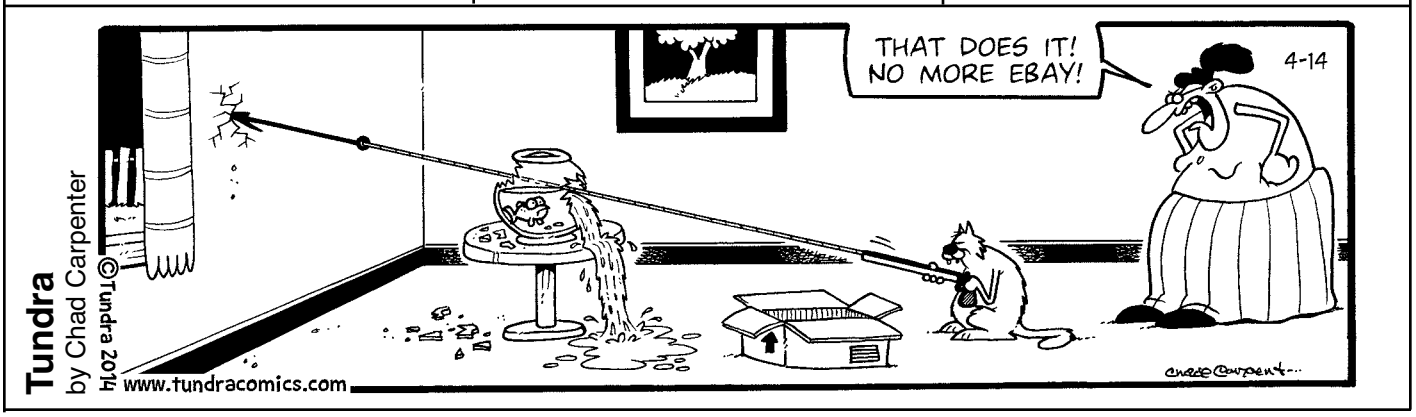

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Machacam Club

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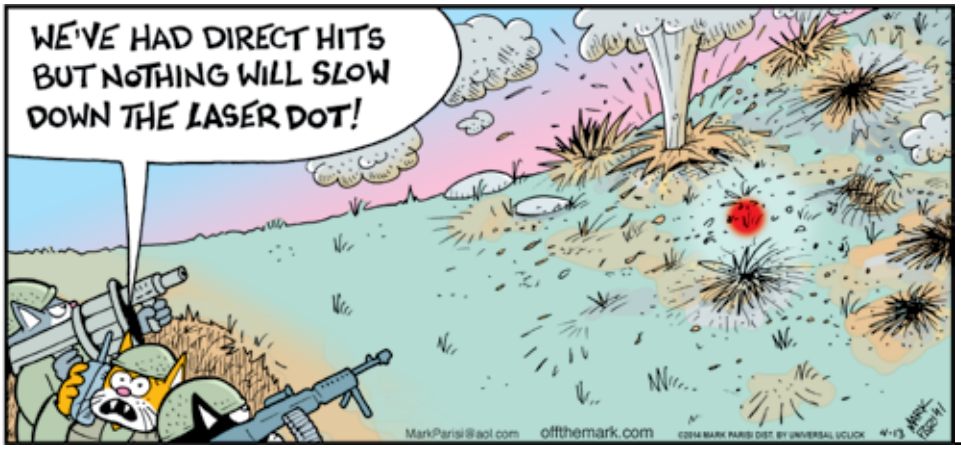

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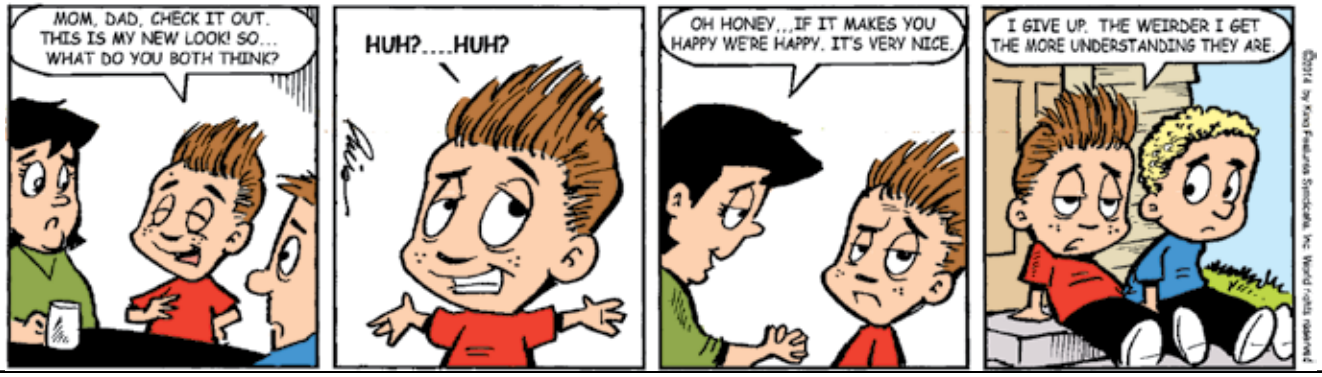


will make a presentation on "Pickett's Charge." This is a PowerPoint program and, as we have heard, was an overwhelming presentation at the last Civil War Round Table held in New Bedford. It will surely prove to be an excellent program to end our meetings for this year!

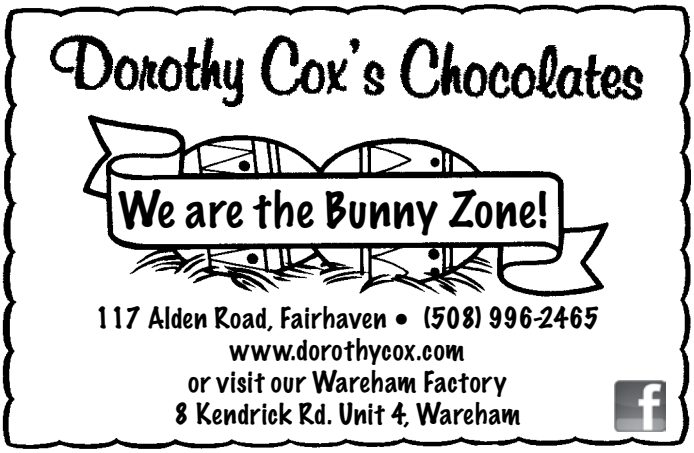
Callers and members are asked to bear in mind the importance of call list accuracy. Caller lists should be done and reported no later than 9:00 am on May 5. Email to GPFNR@aol.com or by phone to Mike at 508-758-9311. Members with requests or changes can contact either no later than 9:00 am on May 6.

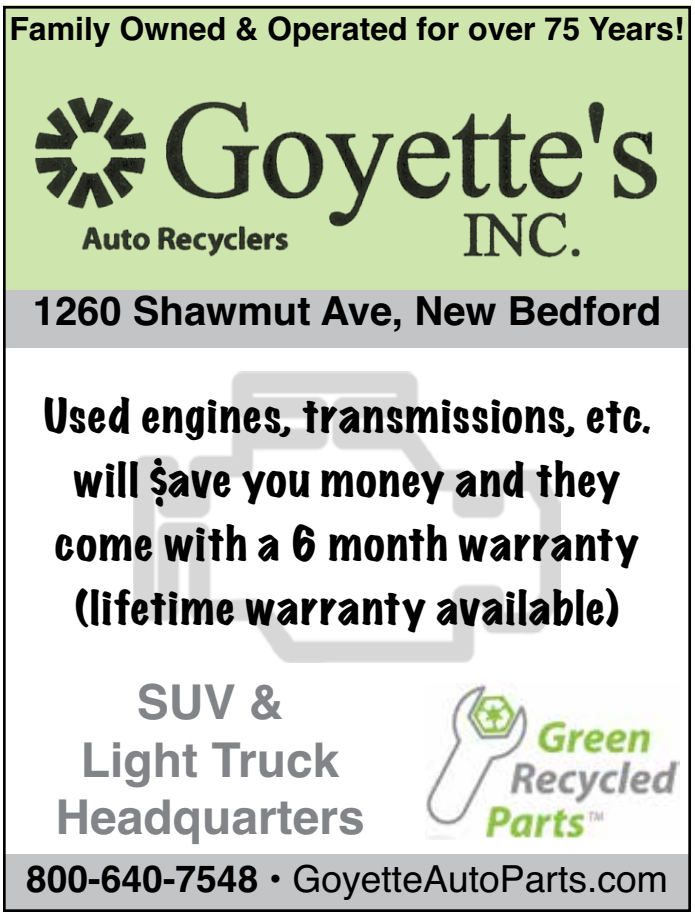
Mattapoisett Woman's Club Garden Tour

On Saturday, **June 28** from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, rain or shine, the Mattapoisett Woman's Club will host their biennial garden tour "Down by the Bay."

Nine gardens will be featured including a lily farm, Bay Club, seaside, and village locations. Not only will there be spectacular gardens, but some of the home sites are situated in historic Mattapoisett village. A variety of formal, informal, cottage gardens and a working daylily farm will delight and inspire you. Colorful perennials, annuals and vegetables, and beautiful views and warm sea breezes will surround you as you enjoy this year's spectacular gardens.

A delicious buffet luncheon will be served at the Bay Club, an Audubon Sanctuary, on the terrace overlooking the beautiful #1 fairway. What a perfect spot to relax and rest along your tour! Reserve your luncheon





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tickets early – no luncheon tickets will be sold on the day of the tour.

Advance tickets will be sold at the following local shops beginning May 3: Periwinkles in Fairhaven; The Bookstall in Marion; and Isabelles, Pen & Pendulum, Town Wharf General Store, and Ying Dynasty Restaurant in Mattapoisett. Advance tickets are $15 for the tour only, and $40 for the tour and luncheon. Tour day tickets will be $18. Remember, luncheon tickets will be sold in advance only. For additional information, please call Barb Van Inwegen at 508 864-5213.

Marion Fireworks Committee

The 2014 Marion Fireworks Committee held the Second Annual Beach Party at the Marion Music Hall on Saturday, April 5. The night was a great success! Thank you to all that attended.

The Committee would like to say a special thank you to the many sponsors, businesses and individuals that sent monetary donations or a donation for our Silent Auction: Anthony Days, Barden's Boat Yard, Congressman William Keating, Eden's Florist, Ensemble Events, Fairfield Inn-Middleboro, Harriet's Catering, Jeff Hemphill, Joan Gerster & Fred Trezise, Kaleidoscope of Dance & Gymnastics, Karma Salon, Lindt Chocolate, Little Harbor Country Club, Marion Recreation, Nick's Pizza-Mattapoisett, Pat Kelleher, R. Carroll & Son Property Management, Residence Inn-Dartmouth, Sea Dips, Serendipity by the Sea, Top of the Hill Liquors, Ying Dynasty-Mattapoisett, and Zulu Nyala, South Africa.

A limited number of special-edition 2014 Marion Fireworks T-shirts are available to purchase for only $20 each.

Through Beach Party ticket sales, auction proceeds, T-shirt sales, and previous contributions, the Committee has raised $23,000 to date. However, this is still shy of the goal of $50,000.

The deadline to raise all funds for the fireworks is May 15.

Please send your donations today to: Marion Fireworks Committee, 13 Atlantis Drive, Marion, Massachusetts, 02738. No amount is too big or too small. All donations are tax deductible.

Any questions, please contact the Marion Fireworks Committee at 774-217-8355 or info@marionrecreation.com.

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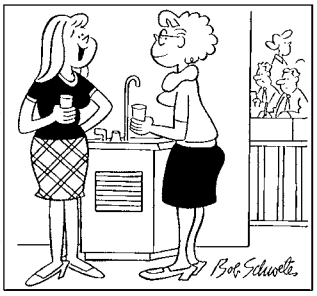

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Everyone interested in helping to beautify our local "park" should meet at the Nasketucket Bay Sate Reservation parking lot at 9:00 am on April 26. Clean-up will end at 11:00 am to give us time to visit the transfer station. Please bring your own gloves; rubber boots are highly recommended. Bags will be provided for trash and recyclables. For more information, call 774-377-9191 or email info@mattlandtrust.org. Share a couple of hours in service to celebrate Earth Day.

Sippican Woman's Club

The Sippican Woman's Club will hold a luncheon and its Annual Meeting on Friday, **April 25** at noon at The Kittansett Club in Marion. There will be a cash bar from 12:00 - 12:45 pm. Seating is at 12:30 pm, with luncheon served at 12:45 pm.

The Nominating Committee will present the slate of officers for the upcoming club year. Nominations will be taken from the floor as well. Guests are welcome. RSVP by April 21 to M. J. Wheeler, 27 Riverview Lane, Marion, MA 02738. The luncheon is $25 per person, payable to SWC. Include luncheon selection in memo portion of check. Luncheon choices are: Spinach- feta-stuffed chicken breast with tomato orzo salad and Greek herbs; Grilled fillet of salmon with lemon and herbs, green beans, leeks and roasted fingerling potatoes; Vegetarian frittata (mushrooms, leeks, tomatoes and asparagus) served with mixed greens and shallot-herb vinaigrette. All entrees are served with carrot and ginger soup, artisan rolls and butter, followed by a dessert platter of assorted petite pastries, coffee/tea.

For membership information, contact Jeanne Lake at 508-748-0619 or visit our website: www.sippicanwomansclub.org.

Gateway Youth Hockey Championships

Middle School 1 vied for their Foxboro League Championships Thursday night. The Vikings had played Mansfield in the last game of the playoff series, and they knew they had their work cut out for them. Mansfield seemed to set the tone early, when their goalie punched Vikings forward **Quirino DoCanto** in the face after a collision at the net. The refs did a good job of keeping the game in check though, and the Vikings kept themselves above the fracas.

After a scoreless first period, Mansfield was able to get the puck past starting goalie **Teaghin Andre** on a breakaway. Both teams were continuously shooting on net, and the Vikings tied up the score shortly after, when **Vyper LaTulippe** scored on a fast pass from **Coleby Paling** to **Tyler Lovendale**. Andre and his defense kept the net safe for the rest of his shift, blocking 17 shots in the first half of the game. Key to the defense were Paling, **Caleb Riggle**, **Jackson St Don** and **Bryan Gallagher**.

The 1-1 tie was broken when Mansfield took advantage of relief goalie **Steven Strachan** as he came in cold to start his shift. Strachan quickly recovered however,

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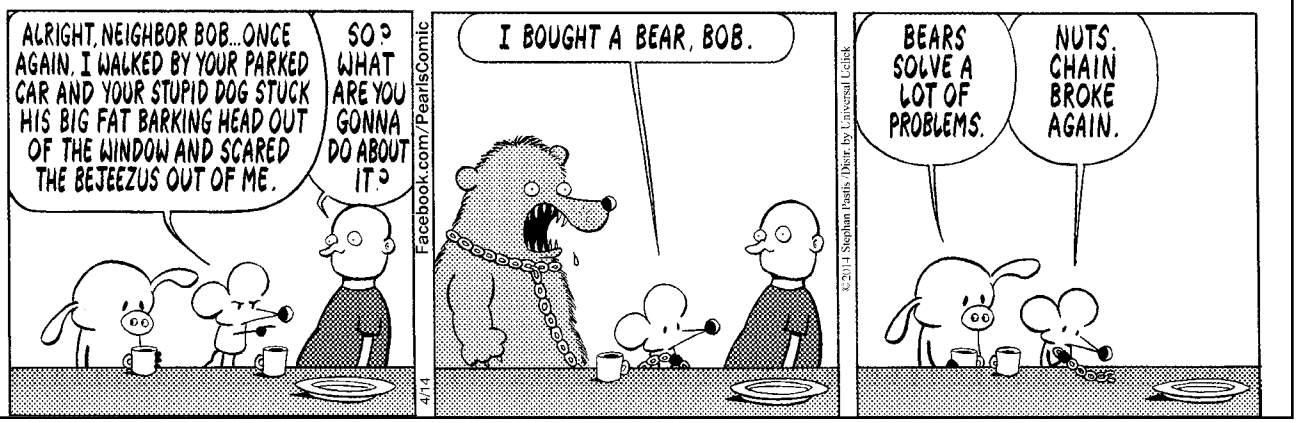

and stayed on his game, making 13 more saves through the third period. DoCanto helped the Vikings tie it up again as the third period started, getting his revenge on the goalie in the best way possible. **Zack Lovendale** had the assist. Mansfield pulled ahead again near the end of the third, scoring on a power play. It seemed all was lost until the Vikings pulled their goalie for a six-man attempt, and Lovendale scored with just 30 seconds left, assisted by **Seth Tomasik** and Paling. A 3-3 tie looked to send the game into overtime, but Mansfield managed to grab the puck and take it down the ice, scoring on a breakaway with just 15 seconds left. The Vikings took a time out, the goalie was pulled again, and the Vikings worked valiantly to tie it up, but it was not to be. Mansfield won, 4-3.

Academic Achievements

Pierce Randall of Mattapoisett was recognized at SUNY Cobleskill on Monday, March 31, 2014 for excellence in student leadership. Randall was the recipient of the Excellence in Student Leadership Award, which recognizes students who demonstrate the positive attributes of student leadership and continually enrich the student life experience and campus community through sustained involvement in campus life through activities, clubs, organizations, service, athletics and/or program development.

The following Tri-Town residents were inducted into the national honor society of their field of study at Stonehill College in Easton, Mass. Casey Mathews of Mattapoisett was inducted into the Financial Management Association Honor Society, and Taylor Matthews of Mattapoisett was inducted into the Upsilon Phi Delta Honor Society.

Sea Chantey Concert at the MHS

Come join the melodic fun as The New Bedford Harbor Sea Chantey Chorus performs at the Mattapoisett Historical Society, 5 Church Street, on Sunday, **April 27** at 2:00 pm. The 40+ member chorus' repertoire includes the chanteys (work songs) of the Yankee sailor and whaler, along with the ballads and ditties of global mariners and coastwise fisherfolk in North America, the Cape Verde Islands and the British Isles. Free. Donations welcome. For more information, please call 508-758-2844 or email mattapoisett.musem@verizon.net.

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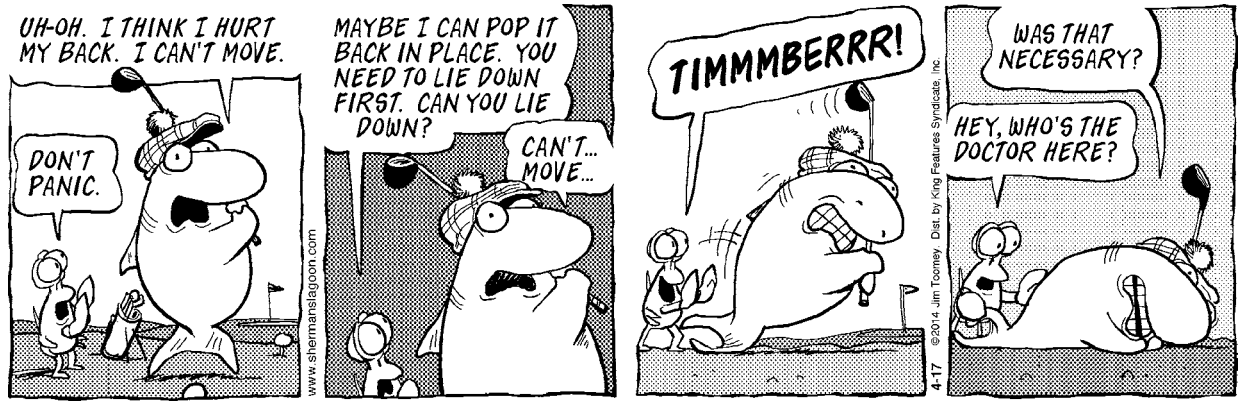

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Co-sponsored by the Sippican Historical Society and the Elizabeth Taber Library, the Xifaras' lecture is offered free to the public, with no registration required. Parking is available across from the Marion Music Hall at Island Wharf Park. For more information, please call the SHS at 508-748-1116.

Annual Easter Pie & Cake Sale

The Friends of the Elderly of Mattapoisett is holding its Annual Easter Pie & Cake Sale on the Saturday before Easter, **April 19** from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Banner Store across the driveway from the Post Office.

Delicious homemade pies, cakes, and other sweet mischiefs are available. Again this year is the sale of the cutest yarn pups you have ever seen. Also be sure to take a chance, or two, on our Easter dinner basket.

The drawing for this year's raffle of an Easter dinner basket will take place at 12:00 noon, just at the end of the sale. Winner does not need to be present to win.

This fund-raiser benefits the FoE to enable them to support the Mattapoisett Council on Aging and the senior citizens.

off the mark by Mark Parisi

Rochester Republican Town Committee

The next Rochester Republican Town Committee meeting will be Saturday, **May 3** at 9:30 am at the East Freetown Crossroads Plaza, second floor. The public is welcome.

Marion Democratic Town Committee

The Marion Democratic Town Committee will hold a meeting at the Music Hall, 164 Front Street, Saturday, **April 19**, at 10:00 am. Brendan Joyce from the Juliette Kayyem campaign will be guest speaker. All Marion Democrats and Independents are welcome.

For more information, contact Chairwoman Eileen Marum at 508-748-1282.

Real Estate Transactions

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Nowick, Andrew J Scoggins, Paul	Hunsdorfer, Peter A	72 Pleasant St	Marion	03/28/2014	680000
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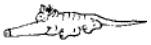
Date	Day	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
April 17:	Thurs.	10:08	10:29	3:37	3:30
April 18:	Fri.	10:56	11:18	4:18	4:11
April 19:	Sat.	11:48	. . .	5:01	4:56
April 20:	Sun.	12:12	12:43	5:50	5:48
April 21:	Mon.	1:09	1:40	6:49	6:50
April 22:	Tues.	2:09	2:42	8:06	8:13
April 23:	Wed.	3:12	3:44	9:31	9:57
April 24:	Thurs.	4:17	4:48	10:32	11:11
April 25:	Fri.	5:21	5:49	11:19	. . .
April 26:	Sat.	6:19	6:43	12:09	12:01
April 27:	Sun.	7:11	7:33	12:56	12:41
April 28:	Mon.	8:00	8:20	1:41	1:21
April 29:	Tues.	8:46	9:05	2:23	2:01
April 30:	Wed.	9:32	9:49	3:02	2:42
May 1:	Thurs.	10:17	10:34	3:39	3:22
May 2:	Fri.	11:03	11:18	4:16	4:04
May 3:	Sat.	11:50	. . .	4:53	4:46
May 4:	Sun.	12:03	12:39	5:34	5:32

Phases of the Moon

Last Quarter	April 22nd
New Moon	April 29th
First Quarter	May 7th
Full Moon	May 14th



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the April 10, 2014 issue the Aardvark was on page 44!

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Elegant; 2. Supply; 3. Retain; 4. Pounce

Today's Word:

YOUNG

Sudoku Answer

1	2	7	8	6	4	3	9	5
9	3	8	2	1	5	6	4	7
6	5	4	9	3	7	1	2	8
8	9	2	5	4	1	7	3	6
3	4	5	7	2	6	9	8	1
7	6	1	3	9	8	4	5	2
5	1	6	4	8	3	2	7	9
4	8	9	1	7	2	5	6	3
2	7	3	6	5	9	8	1	4

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